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THE NEW ORGAN.

To the COLUMBIAN:

Sir: Observing by the last issue of your paper that the old organ of St. Paul's Church, is about to be replaced by a new one of a more modern make, larger and more expensive, a good word in parting ought to be said for the passing instrument. And I therefore copy for you, out of the *Church Kalendar* of June 1874, the following article, headed:

OUR NEW ORGAN.

On the Sunday after Ascension Day, the first pipe organ ever brought to Bloomsburg was used for the first time in St. Paul's Church. The Rector and Mr. Geo. Elwell obtained subscriptions for the purchase of the instrument during the latter part of the month of April. The Vestry of the parish appointed them a committee to visit Philadelphia or New York to make the purchase, limiting the price to $1,200. After communicating with all the noted organ builders in the country, it was decided to visit the warerooms of H. Knauff & Son, of Philadelphia. Here was found the instrument now in our church. It is not a new one, but has been rebuilt and remodeled by the above named gentlemen, who warrant it as good as new, and ask only $1,200 for it, though it was originally valued at $3,000. It has nearly double the capacity of a new organ at that price, having a front of ten feet, a depth of nine feet, a height of fourteen feet, two manuals of keys, an octave of pedal keys, eighteen stops, and about 800 pipes. It occupies nearly the entire space of the organ chamber of the church, making it necessary to seat the singers on the choir proper. Three men were occupied eight days in setting it up and tuning it. It has a very sweet tone, and the full power of its voice causes the whole church to vibrate. All who heard it on the Sunday after Ascension Day expressed themselves as very agreeably disappointed. The addition of its use in the church services is more valuable than many had supposed it could be; and some of those who either opposed its introduction, or did not give encouragement to it, have been willing to admit that their fears were groundless. No one could help confessing that the grandest church music ever heard in this town was rendered on the Sunday our organ was first used, and Old Hundred rang through the aisles and arches of St. Paul's as it had never rung before.

The rector delivered an address on church music, which elicited the closest attention. He alluded to the first introduction of instrumental music into the church of this place, and read several extracts from the parish records, which spoke of trouble and opposition, and the final triumph of those who used the clarionet, the flute and the viol in the gallery of the old brick church.

More than two thirds of the purchase money has been raised, and it is hoped that within a year the balance will be collected. The subscriptions so far received are as follows:

Children of Sunday School $158.00, The Ladies' Sewing Society, $50.00; J. G. Freeze, $50.00; H. J. Clark, $50.00; Geo. E. Elwell, $50.00; Mrs. John Hewitt, $50.00; William Hart, $25.00; J. W. Hendershott, $25.00; R. C. Neal, $25.00; Wm. Elwell, $25.00; L. Bernhard, $5.00; John M. Clark, $5.00; M. P. Lutz, $5.00; S. M. Hess, $5.00; O. T. Wilson, $5.00; W. H. Gilmore, $5.00; Mary Christman, $5.00; W. C. McKinney, $5.00; J. E. Wilson, $5.00; Clarence Clark, 00; I. W. McKelvy, $25.00; E. Mendenhall, $25.00; E. R. Drinker, $25.00; Lloyd Paxton, $25.00; J. J. Brower, $25.00; John A. Funston, $25.00; M. W. Monroe, $25.00; B. F. Hartman, $20.00; J. H. Maize, $20.00; W. B. Koons, $18.00; Geo. A. Clark, $10.00; B. H. Vannatta, $10.00; Chas. Connor, $10.00; Geo. H. Brown, $5.00; C. C. Marr, $5.00; H. W. Sloan, $5.00; E. J. Thornton, $5.00; W. H. Brown, $5.00; F. P. Drinker, $5.00; H. H. Grotz, $5.00; A. J. Evans, $5.00; M. C. Sloan, $5.00; D. Lowenberg, $5.00; D. W. Robins, $5.00; C. W. Miller, $5.00; Mrs. Martha Clark, $3.00; Miss Jane Vance, $2.00; E. Jacoby, $2.00; T. V. Vannatta, $2.00; John Laycock, $2.00; W. O. Holmes, $1.00; M. F. Eyerley, $1.00; Miss Margaret Weaver, $1.00; Miss Lizzie Leonard, $1.00; Sale of the old organ, $100.00; Special collection in church, $17.50.

The pleasant weather of the last few days has had the effect of bringing out the wheelmen of town. We noticed several 1898 models on the street, but the majority were last years wheels polished up.

The Lattimer Case at an End.

The attorney in the famous Martin case finished their addresses to the Jury about four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, and Judge Woodward immediately began his address to the jury. He began by saying:

"He has been, for all times, the chief peace officer of his bailiwick. Under all the systems of government which have recognized the law as the supreme rule of action, it has been found absolutely necessary to vest in some one person the ultimate power to preserve the peace, to quell disorder and to suppress riot. And his power is largely a discretionary one. In a time of great emergency or in a crisis of unusual danger the limits uuder which his discretion may be exercised have been held by the courts to be without fixed limits. For this reason the military arm of the government is never raised to suppress civil disorder until the authority of the sheriff has been exhausted in an unsuccessful effort to maintain the peace. The sheriff may avail himself of the services of military organizations. He may order them into his posse, not as soldiers, but as citizens trained and disciplined for effective service in critical emergencies."

The Judge then reviewed all the evidence in the case and closed by saying:

"It is claimed by the commonwealth that after the firing of the volley some one of the defendants left the line of the deputies and continued to shoot at the strikers as they fled to the rear. Some of the witnesses for the prosecution swore that such was the case. But this is strenuously denied by all the witnesses for the defense who were on the ground and there is no undisputed evidence identifying one of the defendants as the party implicated in any such movement. We say to you that if the purpose of the posse of the sheriff, was origiually a lawful purpose, and one of the deputies in obedience of the sheriff's order, in reference to firing, did continue to fire after all necessity for so doing had ceased, then if such person could be identified as the slayer of the deceased he ought to be convicted of one or the other of the offenses charged in this indictment as the jury might decide."

"In conclusion, gentlemen, you will say by your verdict, whether the defendants, or any of them are guilty of murder, you will also say whether of murder in the first degree, or of murder in the second degree, or of manslaughter. If you determine to acquit them both of murder and manslaughter, then you will render a general verdict of not guilty. The duty of the court has now been performed and the case is in your hands."

The jury went out Tuesday afternoon about four o'clock. They returned Wednesday morning with a verdict of not guilty. There was only one ballot taken. There is some talk of future trials but it is not believed that the Lattimer affair will be heard in the courts again.

Base Ball Chat.

The make-up of the club for the coming season appears to be all the absorbing theme at the Normal School at present. Several of the last year's men will probably be seen on the team again this season, but just who they are and what position they will play it is a little too early too say. Manager M. L. Laubach, in an interview with the COLUMBIAN reporter yesterday, stated that he had weeded out the list of candidates for the nine last week. They have been out on the diamond several times, and have been going through training in the gymnasium for the past month. Mr. Laubach said that he has had a good chance to select the best players from among the list and in his opinion the club this year will be equal to any that has ever represented the school. Those who have been retained as the nucleus for the team are as follows: Harry Berry, Walter Jones, Thomas Byron, John Landis, and Lambert McHenry all of whom played last season and the following new men: R. M. Williams, David Williams, David Thomas, John McGuffie, J. W. Pace and Alfred Bingham. The first game will be played April 18.

The Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in Danville, beginning on the 16th of this month.

THE STORE THAT "Sets the Pace."

The first of April next will commemorate the Sixth Anniversary of the opening of this store. It will also show you the phenominal growth of a business, from a store 25 feet front by 50 feet deep in 1893, and 1250 square feet of floor space; in 1895 to 5000 square feet, and in 1898, 9000 square feet is entirely devoted to the retailing of Clothing, Hats and Outfittings for men and boys, Shoes for men, women and children. The advancement has been comparatively rapid. The largest, best and finest establishment in central Pennsylvania. Every convenience known to modern retailing in the largest cities is here. Lighted throughout by electricity, heated by steam, toilet rooms, dressing rooms and everything possible for the convenience of patrons. Twelve windows around rear and sides besides the large front windows leave in plenty of sunshine. The past weeks have been busy ones for us unpacking, marking and putting on tables and shelves shipments of New Spring Goods, and

NOW WE ARE READY.

We believe you will agree with us that it is the handsomest showing of merchandise that ever graced any store in this community.

Men's handsome Spring Suits, the top notch of style, Elegant! Tasty! Dressy! **5 to $15.**
Plain lined ones, faced with cloth to shoulder, pure wool, splendid fitting, dark and medium colors, at **$5.00.**
Nobby, Stylish clothes, the very newest patterns, **$7.50** (About 30 styles.)
Rich! Elegant! Suits, silk lined, custom made throughout, lining guaranteed for two seasons, **10 or $12.**

Spring Overcoats,

Splendid black or gray mixed, pure wool at **$5.**
Elegant Italian lined covert cloth, mohair sleeve lining, **$8.50.**
Swell English top coats silk lined covert cloth, **$12.** Black Vienna silk lined, **$10.**

Children's Novelties,

Cute Creations of the tailors art for little folks, age 3 to 8. Exclusive styles in Blouse, Vestee, Junior, Fauntleroy and Reefer, commencing at $1.98 for a pretty little Vestee Suit.

$2.48 for a handsome tan colored one, trimmed with green soutache braid, then by easy stages to $6.00.

New Spring Hats,

For men, for boys or children, Correct Styles, Fashionable Colors.
Pure fur Fedora or Derby, $1.00.
The "Amphion" Derby, $2.50.

Shoes.

This Shoe Store commands your attention for stylish, good wearing shoes and at no higher prices than the cheaper sort.

The new Spring Styles are coming in daily.

GIDDING & CO.,

The Free Delivery.

Carriers are forbidden:

To deliver mail matter in the street, even to the owner, unless he be personally known and the delivery can be made without unreasonable delay.

To deliver mail matter in boxes or other receptacles at premises not occupied in whole or in part by the addressed, except by the special order of the postmaster.

To throw mail matter into windows or halls, unless specially instructed to do so, but they must ring the bell and wait a reasonable length of time for an answer and deliver to some one in the house in the habit of receiving it.

To enter any house while on their trips except in the discharge of their official duties.

To stop for their meals while on their trips.

To deliver any mailable matter intrusted to them (except on the order of the postmaster or some authorized person to act for him) to persons other than those addressed.

To deviate from their respective routes.

To carry letters for delivery in their pockets.

To engage in any business not connected with this service during their hours of business.

To throw away or improperly dispose of mail matter, however trifling or unimportant it may appear to them.

To remove stamps from mail matter of any class whatever, intrusted to them for delivery or collected by them for mailing.

Rev. Bannerman, a missionary from Africa, will give a lecture in the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock. His talk will be drawn from actual experiences, and will be sure to interest all who attend. Everybody is invited. Admission free. A collection will be taken to defray expenses.

The production of "The Golden Gulch" by home talent, for the benefit of the Cuban Relief Fund at the Opera House on Thursday night of last week, was not very well attended. The performance was very good.

PROF. COLES.

Predicts Beautiful Sunset Scenes During This Month.

We have reasons to believe that another comet will be in reach of the great telescopes this month; that strange phenomenal sunrise and sunset scenes, sun dogs and sun-bows will be seen in the skies; that a large meteor will fall to earth; that the magnetic currents will produce white lightning; that rainbows will be seen at midnight; that strange electrical phenomena will cause the needles in mariners' compasses to reverse; that snow will fall in some localities in colors of yellow and cream.

The break in the gaseous matter passing over the sun occurred last month upon the very day that we had marked on our Storm and Sign calendar. This month there may be three breaks: One in the early part of the month, one in the middle, another during the latter part. If these breaks do not occur, then March will turn into a spring month and give us a surprise. If they do, then great destruction will follow. Storms will cause unprecedented floods, the Eastern States will get a surprise; blizzards will reach far into the South; cyclones, blizzards and floods will sweep the Western and Northern States, and tornadoes and high gales will sweep the coasts and Great Lakes and produce a tidal wave. Watch out for strange electrical storms accompanied with white lightning.

The Christians are holding nightly meetings this week over Hess Bros. jewelry store. The services are conducted by Rev. J. W. McNamara, of Littleton, North Carolina. He was a former pastor of the Christian churches at Benton and Stillwater.

The following letters are advertised March 8, '98. Mr. Jones Bonsley, Mr. W. E. Clark, Mr. Elmer Laycock, C. B. Keller, Mr. C. H. Moyer, Miss Sarah Robinson, Mr. Arthur Stetler. Will be sent to the dead letter office March 22, '98.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

Normal Wins.

The Clover Wheelmen of Philadelphia, dropped a game of basket ball to the State Normal team at the gymnasium Monday evening. The game was not a very clear exhibition, foul after foul being made by both sides. The first part of the game was rather one sided, but in the second half the visitors took a brace and the finish was very exciting. McGuffie and Bray carried off the honors for the Normal, while Straka did excellent work for Philadelphia. The teams lined up as follows:

Normal.	Position.	Clover W.
Berry	Attack	Kleinman
McGuffie	Attack	Straka
Bray (Aldinger)	Centre	Schussler
Berr	Defense	Riggs
Smethers	Defense	Halterman

Score—Normal, 15; Clover Wheelmen, 10; Goals from field—Berry, 2; Aldinger, Kleinman. Goals from fouls—Berry, 9; Kleinman, 8; Umpires—Kleinman, Clover Wheelmen; Detwiler, Normal. Referee—Butts, Normal. Timer—Cope, Normal. Time—Two 20-minute halves.

"Our Fire Laddies" was written especially for Miss Turner. It is one of the greatest fire plays ever presented here—and we have had the "Still Alarm," "One of the Bravest," and others. It abounds in keen wit, bright humor, and genuine pathos. It is also rapid in action, and the interest never flags, as every character without exception, is first class. It is pure as crystal in word and action. Every act has a powerful ending, and the final climax ends with a burning house. Flames, sparks and smoke are real. The brave fireman ascends the ladder to a second story window, and amidst the flames, smoke and sparks, rescues Nellie, ending the play, amidst a whirlwind of enthusiasm and excitement.—Dubuque, Ia. *Times.*

This play will be presented at the Bloomsburg Opera House, for the benefit of the Band, March 17, 18 and 19.

The only new thing in "social functions" this winter comes from Louisville, Kentucky, where a man before committing suicide, sent out very courteous invitations to all his friends to be present at his funeral.

Very Strong Endorsement.

Rev. J. J. Woolley, best-known congregational minister in the state of Rhode Island, Chaplain of Tower Post. G. A. R. and Pastor of Park Place Congregational Church Pawtucket R. I. says: One of the best and most delightful evenings this winter was spent in listening to Dr. Spencer lecture on "The World's Great Battle Fields." It was full of instruction and interest. His pictures of our war of the rebellion, in which he was an actor, were thrilling in the extreme, stirring the patriotic feelings of his listeners greatly. He sang several well-known songs: in particular the Battle Hymn of the Republic, with telling effect. I shall always think of Dr. Spencer as one who has contributed to my treasury of profitable and memorable experiences." This great lecture will be delivered in the Methodist Church next Tuesday evening March 15.

Townsend's Opening.

The Star Clothing House was opened with due formality lost Friday evening. The new store room was brilliantly lighted with electric lights, and the display of new goods was very attractive. Excellent music was furnished by Riffo's Concert Orchestra. Palms and other plants in great profusion decorated the shelves and corners. A great crowd thronged the place, many ladies being present, and each one was presented with a bottle of perfumery.

CUBAN LIBERTY.

On Sunday evening next, the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Rev G. H. Hemingway, will deliver a sermon on "Cuba's Right to Civil and Religious Liberty." This is a timely subject and its discussion should be heard by a large audience.

Owing to the illness of the pastor, Rev. B. C. Conner, the services in the Methodist Church last Sunday were conducted by Rev. G. H. Day, of Riverside.

THE LEAF AND THE BOOK

Across the meadow-land together
A youth and merry maiden strayed,
Where grasses grew, and purple heather,
'Midst chequered peeps of sun and shade.

At last beside the river seated,
He took her book—this lover sage
One fallen willow-leaf secreted,
Then slowly folded down the page.

Next year the maiden, slowly strolling
Alone beside the river's brim,
Saw summer-time to winter rolling,
And rested there to think of him.

Here eyes with sorrow's tints were shaded,
Her book still pictured youth and age—
The fallen willow-leaf had faded
Where he had folded down the page.

Years after by the stream forsaken,
In winter time she wandered forth;
Great forest trees with storms were shaken,
Sent from the Kingdom of the North

She found the spot where they were seated
Before he left her for renown;
No willow-leaf the book secreted,
But life's sad page was folded down.
—Clement Scott.

BALLOON PERILS.

"No," said the Aeronaut; "all a mistake, I assure you. It is the knock at the end which hurts, not the fall through the air."

I had raised the subject of balloon perils, and referred to the generally accepted view that by the time a man who has fallen from a great height, has reached the ground his interest in the world is already at an end. I did not argue the point with Mr. Percival Spener. He has had experience of tumbling down several thousand feet; I have not. And, after all, important as the question may be to the physiologist in his arm chair, it is of no practical importance to the man who is falling—that is to say, if the event is taking place under circumstances that preclude any personal control.

"You want to hear of something involving danger to myself as an aeronaut," said Mr. Spencer. "I had rather an exciting experience once at Calcutta. I was to make a balloon ascent followed by a parachute descent, but when it came to inflating the balloon, I found there was a scarcity of gas.

"We did our best, for thousands of people were assembled, but when the shades of night began to gather, it became evident that it was useless to expect the balloon to lift the parachute as well as myself. What was to be done? There was the multitude of eager spectators, and I was most anxious not to disappoint them. At length I came to a resolution, and it was to ascend without car, valve, anchor, or ballast. Did I do it? Yes, certainly. Many did not believe I meant it, but when they saw the balloon shooting up towards the clouds, they did. It rose to twelve thousand feet. It was cold at this height, and the small sling of rope on which I sat was not the most comfortable of seats. My legs began to grow numb, and I had to counteract this by gymnatoict execrises. Yes! it was rather a queer place for them, as you say, but it would not have done for me to lose control of my limbs. Darkness had now come on, and I began to think seriously of food.

"At the [illegible] I have named the gas began to expand. It filled the balloon, and presently overflowed at the open-mouth [illegible] then I began to descend. I was able to tell that I was making a downward move, in spite of my shortness of material, by holding out a silk handkerchief, which fluttered upward; and," added Mr. Spencer, with the air of giving me a piece of information which I could put to a practical test under similar circumstances at an early date, "this is an even more delicate method of testing the equilibrium of a balloon than a barometer. In an hour and a half after ascending, I was again approaching the hot Indian atmosphere, and through the darkness I could perceive large rivers. I could also hear the rush of water, which I thought must be the sea.

"I had a somewhat peculiar problem to solve now, and that was to effect a safe descent without the proper appliances for the purpose and, of course, in the darkness. I managed it, however, with very little trouble, alighting on the Sunderbunds—low-lying lands at the mouth of the Ganges. I saw lights, and soon discovered a native village, but the inhabitants could not understand the spectacle of a white man thus coming mysteriously out of the darkness, and promptly fled. Then returned, however, accompanied by a band of villagers carrying arms and lighted lanterns. In order to demonstrate that I was human and not ghostly, I drew some coins from my pocket, the sight and jingle of which somehow reassured these primitive folk. They brought me food, and by devious ways I reached Basahart, where a native magistrate had received a Calcutta paper telling of my disappearance. He had me driven to Baraset, where a special train was waiting to convey me to Calcutta. There I found great excitement prevailing, and a grand reception was arranged when I explained my adventures. Many rajahs and native princes presented me with articles of jewelry to mark their appreciation of what they termed my daring feat."

Mr. Spencer smiled cheerfully at my wondering testimony to the fact that he was still alive, and under futher pressure proceeded to tell me of a descent per parachute at Kobe in Japan. There was no car-less ascent in this case, but it came near to having a much worse ending. The aeronaut was carried out to sea, and instead of dropping gracefully down to the ground he was plumped into the water—an accident that all balloonists fear. However, he was equal even to that embarrassing occasion. Being a good swimmer, he managed, by contriving to get a little aid from his parachues, to keep himself afloat till a boat came to the rescue.

He continued his smiling assertion that ballooning is enjoyable while I digested the last incident.

"The most nervous person," said he, "has no fear, and the dizzy sensation that one experiences when up in high buildings is not present in a balloon. Then see what pleasant little sensations you can have. On one occasion a party went with me from the Crystal Palace, and the balloon would have landed in a field near Hemel Hempstead, had I not thought it undesirable on account of growing crops. I asked my companions if they were fond of high jumps when hunting. One said, 'Yes.' 'Very well,' I responded, 'you see that haystack; we will now proceed to jump it;' which we did handsomely by the judicious manoeuvring of the balloon, landing without any trouble in the adjoining field, which was more suitable.

"But, after all, jumping haystacks is child's play compared with the leaps we sometimes take. I have dropped from an altitude of seven thousand feet, and have fallen the first three or four hundred at the speed of a thunderbolt before the parachute opened."

"Still enjoyable?"

"Well, during the first sheer drop there is a tremendous rush through the air, and an intense feeling of anxiety whilst waiting for the pleasant tug which informs you that the parachute has opened. This feeling does not last long, indeed, not more than a few seconds, and I do not know that it is much more than one experiences when diving from a high board into the water."

Not every famous aeronaut has emerged so well from tight corners as Mr. Spencer; and any one who has taken an interest in aerial work will recall some terrible smashes om comparatively recent occurrence. It is not so many years, for instance, since brave Captain Dale was killed. Not even the catching fire of a balloon in midair is more hideously tragic than its sudden collapse, leaving its wretched occupants to come crashing down from a great height, very likely under the horror-stricken gaze of their dearest friends. That was what happened to the balloon in which Captain Dale ascended from the Crystal Palace one summer day five years ago. Anything in the way of a serious accident was probably never dreamed of by those—and I was one of the number—who watched the ascent. Captain Dale's reputation as an aeronaut stood high. Though not approaching the wonderful record of Eugene Godard, who claims to have made two thousand ascents, he had been up times enough to gain full knowledge and experience of balloon management. But he was fated to die in harness, for the balloon burst. The catastrophe came with horrible swiftness, and Dale was immolated in it, but if my memory serves me his son, who was with him, recovered.

Another great aeronaut who perished miserably in an exhibition ascent was Simmons. The exploits of this daring aerial navigator are doubtless fresh in the recollection of most of us. He was one of the first to cross the channel, and it is significant of the perils which Andree has faced, and of the magnitude of the task he has set himself, that a feat so comparatively simple as crossing from France to England should have brought so many experienced aeronauts to grief. Simmons was one of them, although by a fortunate chance he escaped to tell the story. He was accompanied by General Brine, and both had a narrow escape with their lives, as they fell into the sea and were picked up none too soon. He was more successful in another attempt, for, accompanied by Sir Claude de Crespigny, he crossed from Maldon, in Essex, to Oudekerk, near Flushing, covering on that occasion one hundred and forty miles. To give Simmons's career in detail would be to give the history of many strange adventures, but he was eventually killed after an ascent from Olympia.

One murky day in November, 1837, the master of a steamer called the Prince Leopold was summoned on deck abruptly. His mind no doubt, conjured up any one of the dangers which beset a mariner in the narrow and crowded Channel waters, and probably centered itself in the imminent risk of collision with some iron monster already close upon them. He was relieved on that score as he sent an anxious glance around; but when he cast a look upward he saw a singular and perturbing spectacle. Away to leeward a balloon was visible, evidently in dire distress. Despite the efforts of the desperate men within it, who were battling fiercely for their lives, it swooped in weak, uncertain flights towards the water, like some broken-winged bird. It needs no effort of imagination to depict the effect of so piteous a sight on the heart of a sailor, but the distance was too great for help to be given in time. Long before the Prince Leopold could send effectual assistance the balloon had plunged down. Its occupants proved to be a Frenchman who had already distinguished himself in cross-Channel work, M. Lhoste, and a companion.

And such is but a feeble fragment of the dangers run by the devoted man whose fate is now drawing all eyes to the dim immensity of Polar desolation.

A Turkish Marriage.

Writes a fascinating correspondent from Constantinople: "We were among other Americans who were present at the marriage of the daughter of Munir Pasha, which took place at his jali, on the Bosphorus, near Therpia. We gave our names to the dusky guardians at the enterance of the Haremlik, and were admitted into a gorgeous salon, thronged with gorgeous arrayed Turkish ladies, who were drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes. At a gentle clapping of hands, coffee, in tiny jeweled cups, was brought to us by fascinating Circassian attendants. We then made our way to the salon in which the bride was receiving her guests. She was charming, not quite 15 years of age, and attired in palest of blue satin, embroidered with gold, and diamonds flashing from her corsage, arms, hair and girdle. We were next allowed to go into the bridal chamber to view the presents, and were told that at the end of the festivities the bride is surrounded in this room by a bevy of ladies, who prevent the husband from reaching his bride. Finally, by scattering coins, which are desired as porte bonheurs, he is enabled to reach her at last and lift her viel, while she falls at his feet in submission. He then raises her and places her by his side, but she, rising quickly lights a cigarette, gives it to him and hands him his slippers, then he goes to receive congratulations upon having gained possession of his wife."

TAKING CASTOR OIL

It Would Take a $100 Pony to Trot Castor Oil Down His Throat.

His loving mother had had her mind made up for two or three days that the boy needed some castor oil, but she knew that she must approach him gently. She placed the bottle where he could not see it, and when he turned up his nose, she said:

"It's just like honey, my darling."

He seemed to doubt her word, and she continued:

"If you'll take some, I'll let you go to the circus."

"How much?" he cautiously inquired.

"Oh, only a spoonful, just a spoonful," she replied as she uncorked the bottle.

"And you'll give me sugar, besides?" he asked.

"Of course I will—a big lump."

He waited until she began pouring from the bottle, and then asked:

"And you'll give me ten cents, too?"

"Yes, of course."

"And you'll buy me a shoo-fly kite?" he went on, seeing his advantage.

"I guess so."

"No kite—no oil," he said, as he stepped back.

"Well, I'll buy you a kite," she replied, filling the spoon up.

"And a velocipede?"

"I'll think of it."

"You can't think no castor oil down me!" he exclaimed, looking around for his hat.

"Here—I will, or I'll tease father to, and I know he will. Come now, swallow it down."

"And you'll buy me a goat?"

"Yes."

"And two hundred marbles?"

"Yes. Now take it right down."

"And a coach dog?"

"I can't promise that!"

"All right—no dog, no ile."

"Well, I'll ask your father."

"And you'll buy me a pony."

"Oh, I couldn't do that. Now be a good boy and swallow it down."

"Oh, yes, I'll swallow that stuff, I will!" he said as he clapped on his hat. "You may fool some other boy with a circus ticket and a lump of brown sugar, but it'll take a hundred dollar pony to trot that castor ile down my throat."

And he went out to see if the neighbor's cat had been caught in the deadfall he set for her.—M. Quad.

Down With Monopolies.

Robinson—What makes Smith so down on the long-distance telephone?

Greyson—He rang up a man in L—— who owes him a dollar and they wrangled till it cost Smith four dollars.

An Agreeable Surprise.

He was taking his first meal at his new boarding house, and there was some evidence that he didn't like it.

"Waiter, he said, "bring me some hash."

"Some what, sir?" asked the waiter, politely.

"Some hash. Don't you know what hash is?"

"No sir; we don't have it here."

"Can't I get it if I want it?" he asked, dictatorially.

"No, sir. If you want hash you'll have to go somewhere else."

"Well, bring me some prunes, then," he said, changing the subject.

Haven't any prunes, sir," responded the waiter.

"No prunes?"

"No, sir."

"Can't I get prunes here, either?"

"No, sir; not here."

The new boarder was becoming excited.

"Tell the landlady to come here," he commanded.

The waiter brought in the landlady.

"I am informed, madam," he said, "that I can get neither hash nor prunes in this house."

"You have been correctly informed," she admitted, with some trepidation, for he looked like a man who could pay.

"Am I to understand that those dishes will not be served here under any circumstances?"

"That's the invariable rule, sir."

"Very well, very well," he said. "I'll see you after this meal and pay for a year's board in advance."

Merely Seeking Information.

The telephone bell rang furiously in the middle of the coldest night of the Winter.

"Is this Dr. (hic) Graves?" asked a rich, red voice. "Yes? Well, doctor are you pre(hic)pared to instantly attend a man who has taken poison and shot himself and (hic) hacked his throat with a razor and then jumped out of a third-(hic)story window?"

"Yes, sir! Yes!" answered the prominent physician, hopping about in his bare feet on the cold oilcloth like a toad on a hot griddle. "Where is the patient?"

"Oh, haven't (hic) found him yet," drawled the rich, red voice cheerily. "but if I see a man before morning who has been fool enough to take (hic) poison and shoot himself and hack his throat with a (hic) razor and then jump out of a third-story window, I'll let you (hic) know right away. Good night, Doctor! Good (hic) night!"

The Old Trouble.

"Anthony Hope declares that all Americans are conceited."

"Of course, they talk to him about America when he wanted them to talk about his novels."

Information Wanted.

Tuffton—If you ever call me a liar again I'll shoot you like a dog.

Bluffton—You will, eh? By the way, how does a dog shoot?

A Suffering Soldier.

This veteran fought for his country; suffered untold hardships, and returned with health shattered. Many a brave soldier has the same history. To-day this one rejoices in a new-found strength and tells his experience to benefit others.

No man is better known and liked in that rich tier of Illinois counties, of which Peoria is the centre, than genial Chester S. Harrington, of Princeville, Ill.

Mr. Harrington is a veteran of the late war. Like many another brave soldier, he suffered not only during that service, but for years afterwards from diseases contracted then.

For years his health was shattered; his sufferings increased. He was unable to gain relief, but now he tells a story which is of profit to many:

"I served three years in the 124th Illinois, enlisting at Kewanee, Ill.," said he. "I was in Libby Prison and suffered like many another Northern soldier.

"The strain of army life did its work in undermining my health, although the collapse did not come for sometime after.

"For fifteen years I suffered from general debility and nervousness so badly that I could not sleep. Indigestion resulted and my misery increased.

"My eyes began to fail, and as my body lost vitality my mind seemed to give way. I could scarcely remember events that happened but a few weeks before.

"For two years I was unfitted for business. I was just able to creep around during part of this time, and there were many times when I could not get up.

"My brother is a doctor, but all his efforts to help me failed to give any relief.

"I tried a number of remedies without avail. Finally, having read articles regarding cures that had been effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, I decided to try them. That was in 1896. I bought a box and took the pills according to instructions.

"Four days later I had the happiest hours I had known for years. That night I went to sleep easily and slept soundly as a child and awoke refreshed.

"After I had taken four boxes of the pills, I found that I was cured and had also increased 27 pounds in weight.

"This greatly surprised my friends, who thought my case was a hopeless one. I began my work again and have continued ever since in excellent health.

"Another valuable gain to me was, that while I was taking these pills I had been cured of the smoking habit, which had formed when I was a boy and had clung to me all these years. The craving for tobacco left me and I have never experienced it since.

"I cannot say enough for these pills and have recommended them to many."

To verify this statement Mr. Harrington made affidavit to its truthfulness before Lincoln M. Coy, Notary Public.

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PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

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Men can better philosophize on the human heart, but woman can read it better.

A good face is a letter of recommendation, as a good heart is a letter of credit.

One part of knowledge consists in being ignorant of such things as are not worthy to be known.

God writes with a pen that never blots, and speaks with a tongue that never slips, and acts with a hand that never fails.

The man likeliest to become hopelessly soured is the one who insists most upon the following of his own "sweet will."

Modesty is bred in self reverence. Fine manners are the mantle of fair minds. None are truly great without these ornaments.

Every man has some peculiar train of thought which he falls back upon when he is alone. This, to a great degree, moulds the man.

The merit of originality is not novelty; it is sincerity. The believing man is the original man; he believes for himself, not for another.

This is the law of benefits between men—the one ought to forget at once what he has given, and the other ought never to forget what he has received.

In the moral realm the greatest of all powers is that of a great personality—that which one masterful character exercises over another character.

All one's life is music if one touches the notes rightly and in time. But there must be no hurry. There's no music in a rest, but there's the making of music in it; and people are always missing that part of the life-melody and scrambling on without counting.

WASHINGTON.

Four-Day Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

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Round trip rate, covering transportation, hotel accommodations from supper on date of tour until after luncheon on the following Thursday, $13.00 from Williamsport, $13.75 from Wilkesbarre, $12.00 from Sunbury, $10 50 from Harrisburg, and proportionate rates from other stations. Guides to Washington will be distributed free on the train.

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Turnips " "	.25
Onions " "	1 00
Sweet potatoes per peck	.35
Tallow per lb	.05
Shoulder " "	.08
Side meat " "	.08
Vinegar, per qt	.05
Dried apples per lb	.05
Dried cherries, pitted	.12
Raspberries	.12
Cow Hides per lb	.3½
Steer " " "	.05
Calf Skin	.80
Sheep pelts	.75
Shelled corn per bus	.50
Corn meal, cwt	1.50
Bran, "	.85
Chop "	.90
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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7th, 1898.

Secretary Long either talked too much or too little when he said: "The element of official Spanish participation in the explosion has been practically eliminated," and then added that the administration had received nothing but what had been made public concerning the investigation of the destruction of the Maine. The only thing eliminated by what has been made public is the accident theory; therefore, unless he has information which has not been made public, Secretary Long was doing what all other naval officials had been positively ordered not to do,–theorizing–when he used that language. He did not better the case any when he stated that his only reason for saying that official Spanish participation had been eliminated from the case was the statement of the Spanish charged' affairs at Washington that there were no mines in Havana harbor. As Mr. Long had just left a Cabinet meeting when he used the words quoted above there isn't the slightest doubt that they were deliberately used for a purpose. I will not go to the extent that some do, and charge that it was intended either for a notice to the Naval court of inquiry of the sort of verdict desired, or as a notice to the country that a policy of peace-at-any-price was to be followed, but it certainly has not served to strengthen confidence in the intention of the administration to stand up vigorously for national honor, regardless of cost or consequences.

About the only thing done this week by the administration looking like business was the making of a contract for a $1,000,000 supply of projectiles, for the new high-power guns of our coast defenses.

That no immediate action is expected on the Maine catastrophe was shown by the departure for Cuba, this week, of a party including Senators Thurston, Money, and Gallinger, and Representatives Amos J. Cummings, and William Alden Smith. These gentlemen are going directly to Havana, on a private yacht, for the purpose of doing a little investigating on their own hook, and they expect to get information that will be useful when the matter gets before Congress. They expect to be gone about ten days.

There is quite a stir among members of the House over a report that Czar Reed intended to try to rush the rest of the appropriation bills through and to force an adjournment of Congress, in order to prevent a declaration of war, or any other action on Cuba. A paper was at once circulated by republicans among republicans pledging the signers to vote against adjournment under any circumstances before satisfactory action had been taken on the Cuban question, and enough signers have already been obtained to block any adjournment scheme, with the aid of the democratic and populist votes, which have been promised.

A bill for the conditional repeal of the Federal tax or currency issued by State banks has been introduced by Senator Platt, of New York, much to the surprise of democrats, who have at various times sought the repeal of that tax, which they have always considered unjust. Mr. Platt's bill authorizes State banks to deposit with the U. S. Treasurer the bonds of any State, City or County and to receive in exchange circulating notes to the extent of 80 per cent of the deposits and 70 per cent of the capital stock of the bank. The securities to be held in trust for the redemption of the bank's circulating notes, just as U. S. bonds are now held for national bank notes.

Ex-Gov. Colcord, of Nevada, is in Washington trying to persuade the republican leaders that unless they abandon the single gold standard the party will be overthrown. He said on the subject: "I am a republican, but I do not believe that the party can continue in power by advocacy of the single gold standard. During the last few months I have traveled extensively, and everywhere I find a most bitter opposition to that policy. The democrats will press this view for all it is worth, and by so doing will sweep the country, unless there is a great change from existing conditions. The American people really want bimetalism-gold and silver-and if silver is restored to its former place as money, will be content to let Congress establish the ratio."

It was officially announced this week by Secretary Alger that the government relief expedition to the Klondike miners had been abandoned, and authority to sell the stuff purchased, including the reindeer, has been asked of Congress. No official announcement has been made to that effect, but it is stated that it is now fully known that the whole business was a systematic scheme on the part of certain sharpers to "do" the government.

An English agriculturist has succeeded in the cross fertilization of grasses, clover, cereals and other food plants.

Hats That Will Be Worn Easter.

The New Millinery that Will Have its First Airing at the Close of Lent.

Leghorn, Manilla, chip and raffia, in all colors, are used for the new spring hats, as well as an absolutely new straw braid with a satin finish not unlike the silk-covered braids which obtained during the winter. Sailor hats, that always have an assured position, are in a new material in the form of woven bulrushes, which, after being braided, are shaped and generally edged with a narrow black velvet ribbon. Linen crash is also used for this kind of hat. The most striking of all are those of white or gray felt, intended for summer wear.

Rich ribbons of velvet, silk, satin and moire are all used, being plaited and shirred, while piece fabrics, heavily embroidered with beads and spangles, also obtain. The fashionable colors are periwinkle blue, anemone blue, heliotrope, champagne, the light shades of ruby, brown, pearl gray, pink and pale green. Fanciful combinations are noted in the flowers. There is a decided fancy for putting the trimming—that may take the form of a bunch of flowers, a bow of ribbon, a drapery of velvet or satin—under the brim on the left side, so massed as to have it come well on the hair. —March *Ladies' Home Journal.*

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We read in an exchange of a certain editor who wrote a long and carefully prepared article on the importance of patronizing home industries, giving many reasons why farmers and others should patronize home merchants rather than send off for their goods. The article was so good that it attracted the attention of the merchants and they highly commended the loyalty of the editor. One merchant was so favorably impressed with the article that he sat down and wrote a congratulatory letter to the editor, but to the surprise of the pencil pusher, the letter head which the merchant used had been printed in a neighboring town, and the return on the envelope was made with a rubber stamp furnished by a Chicago axle grease house.

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Boarding House Fraud.

A small, sombre, gray-haired man aged between fifty and fifty-five years, has been playing a new game on boarding houses in the vicinity. The other day he applied to a Milton landlady for board for himself and three others. He represented that they were going to start a fertilizing plant down town and wanted a permanent boarding place. Satisfactory terms were agreed upon and the other boarders were to arrive in a few days. After being accommodated several days the man left saying the four of them would be there that evening. The landlady laid in an extra supply of provisions but the guests failed to turn up.

From the newspapers of this vicinity we learn that the game is being worked elsewhere with equal success. At Williamsport several boarding houses were fleeced.

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Need of the Patent Office for a Larger Force—Thirteen Thousand Cases Awaiting Action—Months in Arrears

Referring to the condition of business in the U. S. Patent Office, Assistant Commissioner Greely said:

"We are deeply interested in the pending appropriation for the support of the patent Office during the coming fiscal year. The appropriation bill, as reported, provides for a slight increase in the working force of the office, but it is so slight as not to materially affect the conditions which even now are becoming of monstrous proportions. The new bill, I believe, gives us 1 new principal examiner, 9 assistant examiners and 3 messengers. We originally estimated for 4 principal examiners, 36 assistant examiners, 35 clerks and 10 messengers. The Secretary cut this estimate to 2 principal examiners, 18 assistants, 11 clerks, and 14 messengers. This matter of additional help is a most serious problem, more important to-day than ever before, and becoming more so every twenty-four hours.

"Even with the small increase allowed by Congress, we would be better off, if only the appropriation were made immediately available. But instead of that the additional help cannot be utilized until next July, and by that time this office will be seriously behind in its work. To-day our examiners are from three to four months behind in their work, and some divisions are as much as six months behind.

THIRTEEN THOUSAND CASES WAITING.

"We have on hand, in round numbers, awaiting action, 13,000 cases, of which number 9,600 have never been looked at. In the next four months our business will largely increase. March, April, May and June have heretofore been the heaviest months of the year, and there is no reason to doubt the record will be kept up. So you see, when July comes around, we will be hopelessly behind. I estimate we will receive in that time 14,000 new cases. So it is easy to understand how important it is to have an adequate force to do the work. It is not generally understood what a large proportion of the government revenue comes from this office. Last year we covered into the treasury, after paying the running expenses of the office, $317,135.05, and the books of the Treasurer of the United States show a total of $5,093,614.23 paid to the general government by the Patent Office after paying all its expenses. The inventors are protesting against the delay. They claim, and very properly, too, they are entitled to prompt and efficient service. The government requires them to pay for the work in advance, and then they are required to wait for months before having their applications attended to. One thing is certain, the efficiency of the Patent Office demands, in the interest of its clients, a suitable force of employes to prosecute the work intrusted to it."—*From The Evening Star of February 5, 1898.*

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Of the 70,000,000 inhabitants of the United States almost one-fourth are pupils in schools of some kind. Usually the proportion of school children to the whole population of a civilized country is about one-fifth. But we go beyond this, showing what a strong, young, rich nation we are. We are a nation of young people because so many among us are pupils of school age; we are a rich nation because we can afford to let our children go to school instead of taking them out to earn a living while still in their tender years. It is to be hoped the education the young ones are getting is of a quality worthy of them, fitted to make them patriots and useful gentlemen and ladies.

In the rate of increase of our school population there is a significant fact. The whole country over the school enrollment increases annually at the rate of 2.1 per cent. In city schools the increase of the annual enrollment is 5.8 per cent., showing that our American cities are growing in population nearly three times as fast as the country. The last census showed that the population of some rural counties in the older States had actually fallen off in ten years. The American seems to be developing the tendency to become a city dweller. Nearly one-fourth of our entire school population is in cities of over 8,000 inhabitants. There are 484 colleges and universities in the United States, and 162 of these are for women students alone. Twenty-five years ago 41 per cent. of the teachers in the American public schools were men. Now the men teachers are only 32.06 per cent., the rest being women. It is noteworthy that the students studying for professions in the United States there are 2½ times as many in the department of medicine as in law. For the higher education of colored students throughout the country there are 178 schools, and of these 101 are in seven Southern States. North Carolina leading off with 27.

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More Evidence That the Maine Was Destroyed by a Sub-Marine Mine.

Private advices received by steamer from Havana state that, despite Spanish opposition, the two American divers employed by the naval authorities on the wreck of the ill-fated Maine, while pretending to be engaged solely in the work of rescuing the bodies and effects of officers and men from the hold, have secured indisputable evidence to prove beyond doubt that the Maine was blown up from the outside. The two divers have been before the Board of Inquiry, and while sessions are held in secret aboard the Fern enough has leaked out to create the impression that their testimony reveals the fact that the Maine was blown up by a submarine mine.

Captain Sigsbee, it is said, was aware of the fact that his ship had been moored over one of the mines, and had so notified the authorities at Washington; also that the bottom of Havana harbor was a perfect network of torpedoes, each buoy marking a spot where one was located. The harbor, it is alleged, was so protected by torpedoes some time since, when belligerency talk became rampant in Congress. The mines are connected with electrical wires and worked by a key-board located in the arsenal at the Navy Yard.

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Close Secrecy.

Very Little Leakage From the Inquiry Court.

The fact is becoming more evident as the days pass that any information direct from members of the United States Court of Inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine and from those appearing before it is guarded with unusual closeness. Practically no information presented to the court has been disclosed. The restrictions are so severe that the communications between the naval men who have been before the court have been most guarded.

Naval officers at Key West station who are not connected with the court express the guarded view that very little testimony has yet been heard tending to show that the explosion was the result of a conspiracy or as to the exact cause of the disaster.

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NORTHUMBERLAND	6 25	1.50	10 00	5 50
Cameron	6 38	.....	.....	6 07
Chulasky	.....	.....	.....	6 07
Danville	6 50	2 12	10 21	6 13
Catawissa	7 03	2 26	....	6 28
Rupert	7 09	2 31	10 36	6 33
Bloomsburg	7 15	2 36	10 41	6 39
Espy	7 23	2 42	10 46	6 45
Lime Ridge	7 30	2 48	.....	6 52
Willow Grove	7 34	2 52	.....	6 56
Briarcreek	7 38	.....	.....	7 00
Berwick	7 43	3 01	11 02	7 06
Beach Haven	7 54	3 07	....	7 12
Hick's Ferry	8 00	3 13	....	7 19
Shickshinny	8 10	3 24	11 21	7 35
Hunlock's	8 20	3 34	.....	7 47
Nanticoke	8 27	3 42	11 36	7 54
Avondale	8 32	3 47	.....	7 58
Plymouth	8 37	3 52	11 43	8 03
Plymouth Junction	8 42	3 57	....	8 07
Kingston	8 50	4 05	11 52	8 12
Bennett	8 53	4 08	.....	8 16
Forty Fort	8 56	4 11	.....	8 19
Wyoming	9 01	4 17	12 00	8 25
West Pittston	9 06	4 22	.....	8 30
Susquehanna Ave	9 10	4 25	12 07	8 33
Pittston	9 15	4 30	12 10	8 39
Duryea	9 19	4 34	.....	8 44
Lackawanna	9 24	4 37	.....	8 48
Taylor	9 32	4 45	....	8 57
Bellevue	9 37	4 50	.....	9 02
SCRANTON	9 42	4 55	12 30	9 07
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M

STATIONS.	WEST. A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SCRANTON	6 00	10 20	1 55	6 00
Bellevue	6 05	....	.....	.....
Taylor	6 10	10 28	2 05	6 10
Lackawanna	6 18	10 35	2 13	6 17
Duryea	6 22	10 38	2 16	6 21
Pittston	6 28	10 42	2 20	6 25
Susquehanna Ave	6 32	10 45	2 23	6 28
West Pittston	6 35	10 48	2 27	6 31
Wyoming	6 40	10 53	2 32	6 36
Forty Fort	6 45	....	....	....
Bennett	6 48	11 00	2 39	6 44
Kingston	6 54	11 04	2 45	6 53
Plymouth Junction	6 59	..	2 5	.....
Plymouth	7 04	11 12	2 54	7 03
Avondale	7 09	..	2 5-	7 07
Nanticoke	7 14	11 20	3 02	7 12
Hunlock's	7 20	11 30	3 10	7 20
Shickshinny	7 31	11 40	3 24	7 33
Hick's Ferry	7 44	11 50	3 35	7 47
Beach Haven	7 54	11 55	3 42	7 58
Berwick	8 00	12 00	3 49	8 06
Briarcreek	8 06	....	3 55	....
Willow Grove	8 10	12 10	3 59	8 11
Lime Ridge	8 14	12 15	4 04	8 15
Espy	8 21	12 21	4 11	8 22
Bloomsburg	8 28	12 27	4 17	8 30
Rupert	8 34	12 32	4 23	8 36
Catawissa	8 40	12 38	4 35	8 41
Danville	8 55	12 49	4 43	8 58
Chulasky	....	....	4 49	....
Cameron	9 05	12 58	4 54	9 10
NORTHUMBERLAND	9 20	1 10	5 08	9 25
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M

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SOUTH.— ARRIVE. a m	a.m.	p m	p.m.	STATIONS.	—NORTH LEAVE a m	p m	p m	a m
7.10	11.45	6.30	2.15	Bloomsb'g.	8.34	2 40	6 45	6.10
7.08	11.40	6.26	2 ·0	" P. & R.	8.36	2.42	6.47	
7.03	11.37	6.24	2.08	" Main st.,	8.39	2.45	6.50	
6.53	11.27	6.12	1.50	Paper Mill,	8 48	2.54	7.01	6.37
6.50	11.23	6.09	1.45	Light st.	8.52	2.59	7.05	6.50
6.40	11.13	5.59	1.30	Orangevi'e,	9.02	3.10	7.14	7.10
6.29	11.05	5.48	1.00	..Forks....	9.10	3.20	7.24	7.35
6.25	11.00	5.44	12.53	...Zaner's...	9.14	3.24	7.28	7.45
6.18	10.55	5.37	12.45	.Stillwater.	9.20	3.30	7.33	8.00
6.08	10.45	5.27	12.3	...Benton...	9.30	3.40	7.43	8.30
6.04	10 40	5.22	12.10	..Edson's...	9.34	3.44	7.47	8.40
6.02	10.35	5.20	12.05	Cole's Cr'k.	9.37	3.47	7.51	8.46
5.53	10.32	5.13	11.53	..Laubach..	9.47	3.57	8.01	9.00
5.43	10.23	5.03	11.45	...Central...	9.57	4.07	8.11	9.25
5.40	10.20	5.00	11.30	Jan. City.	10.00	4.10	8.13	9.35
a m	a m	p m	p m		a m	p m	p m	a m
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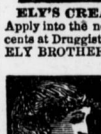

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Scranton(D & H)lv	$ 6 45	$ 9 38	$ 2 21	$ 4 41
Pittston " "	7 08	f10 00	f 2 43	5 06
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M
Wilkesbarre....lv	$ 7 30	$10 15	$ 3 12	$ 6 00
Plym'th Ferry "	f 7 38	10 20	f 3 21	f 6 08
Nanticoke..... "	7 46	10 27	3 30	6 17
Meca-aqua..... "	8 0	10 45	3 50	6 37
Wapwallopen. "	8 13	10 55	3 58	6 47
Nescopeck .... ar	8 2	11 10	4 10	7 00
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Pottsville.....lv	$ 6 00	$ 9 40	$12 58	$ 2 32
Hazleton ..... "	7 10	11 35	2 00	3 50
Tomhicken..... "	7 30	11 15	2 20	4 10
Fern Glen..... "	7 38	11 24	2 28	6 18
Rock Glen..... "	7 43	11 40	2 35	6 25
Nescopeck.... ar	8 07	.....	3 00	6 50
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Nescopeck.....lv	f 8 24	$11 10	$ 4 10	$ 7 00
Creasy..... "	8 33	Via	4 18	7 09
Espy Ferry..... "	f 8 43	Rock	f 4 27	7 18
E. Bloomsburg"	8 47	Glen	4 50	7 23
		P. M.		
Catawissa..... ar	8 55	12 30	4 36	7 30
Catawissa..... lv	8 55	12 30	4 36	7 30
S. Danville..... "	9 14	12 38	4 55	7 47
Sunbury..... "	9 35	1 00	5 17	8 10
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Sunbury.....lv	f 9 45	$ 1 10	$ 5 34	f 9 25
Lewisburg....ar	10 15	1 45	6 08	.....
Milton..... "	10 10	1 39	6 05	9 50
Williamsport. "	11 00	2 30	6 53	10 30
Lock Haven.. "	11 59	3 40	7 57	.....
Renovo ..... "	A. M.	4 40	8 55	.....
Kane..... "	.....	9 00	.....	.....
	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Lock Haven...lv	f12 10	$ 3 45	.....	.....
Bellefonte.....ar	1 05	4 44	.....	.....
Tyrone..... "	2 15	6 00	.....	.....
Philipsburg..... "	4 23	8 26	.....	.....
Clearfield..... "	5 06	9 09	.....	.....
Pittsburg..... "	6 55	11 30	.....	.....
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Sunbury.....lv	f 9 50	$ 1 55	f 5 25	f 8 30
Harrisburg....ar	f1 30	$ 3 20	6 55	f10 10
	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Philadelphia..ar	$ 3 00	f 6 3	f10 20	f 4 30
Baltimore..... "	3 10	f 6 00	f 9 45	6 20
Washington..... "	4 10	f 7 15	f10 55	7 40
	A. M.	P. M.		
Sunbury lv	$10 05	$ 2 25	.....	.....
	P. M.			
Lewistown Jc ar	12 05	$ 4 23	.....	.....
Pittsburg..... "	$ 6 55	f11 30	.....	.....
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Harrisburg.....lv	f11 45	f3 50	f 7 30	f10 30
	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
Pittsburg.....ar	f 6 55	f11 30	f 2 00	$ 5 30

$ Weekdays. Daily. f Flag station

	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.
Pittsburg.....lv	f 8 10	f 8 10	f 3 30	f 8 00
	A. M.	A. M.		P. M.
Harrisburg.....ar	f 3 30	f 3 30	f10 00	f 3 10
		A. M.		A. M.
Pittsburg.....lv	.....	.....	.....	f 8 00
				P. M.
Lewistown Jc."	.....	f 7 30	.....	f 3 05
Sunbury..... ar	.....	f 9 18	.....	f 5 00
	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.
Washington....lv	f10 40	.....	f 7 50	f10 50
Baltimore..... "	f11 50	f 4 55	f 8 59	f12 00
Philadelphia... "	f11 20	f 4 30	f 8 30	f12 25
	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Harrisburg.....lv	f 3 35	f 8 05	f11 40	f 3 55
Sunbury..... ar	f 5 08	f 9 40	1 10	f 5 29
	P. M.		A. M.	A. M
Pittsburg.....lv	f 1 00	.....	f 3 30	f 8 00
Clearfield..... "	f 9 00	.....	.....	9 31
Philipsburg..... "	4 56	.....	.....	10 12
Tyrone..... "	7 15	.....	f 8 10	12 30
Bellefonte..... "	8 31	.....	9 32	1 42
Lock Haven...ar	9 30	.....	10 30	2 43
	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Erie.....lv	f 3 25	.....	.....	.....
Kane..... "	f 7 05	.....	f 6 27	.....
Lock Haven... "	10 25	f 6 40	10 30	.....
	11 11	f 7 33	11 25	f 3 00
	A. M.		P. M.	
Williamsport.."	12 15	f 8 30	f12 15	4 00
Milton..... "	1 13	9 18	1 13	4 52
Lewisburg..... "	.....	9 05	1 15	4 47
Sunbury..... ar	1 45	9 45	1 55	5 20
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Sunbury.....lv	f 5 25	f 9 55	f 2 00	f 5 43
S. Danville..... "	5 48	10 17	2 21	6 07
Catawissa..... "	6 08	10 35	2 37	6 24
E. Bloomsburg"	Via	10 43	2 43	6 32
Espy Ferry..... "	Rock	f10 47	2 47	f 6 36
Creasy..... "	Glen.	10 56	2 55	6 46
Nescopeck.... ar	8 07	11 10	3 10	6 59
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Nescopeck.....lv	f 6 52	f11 10	f 4 15	f 7 05
Rock Glen..... ar	6 59	11 35	4 40	7 31
Fern Glen..... "	7 10	11 43	4 46	7 37
Tomhicken..... "		11 54	4 55	7 45
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Hazleton ..... "	7 37	12 15	5 15	8 05
Pottsville..... "	9 12	1 20	....	9 42
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Nescopeck.....lv	f 8 07	f11 10	f 3 10	f 6 59
Wapwallopen.ar	8 18	11 22	3 19	7 09
Mocanaqua..... "	8 28	11 32	3 30	7 21
Nanticoke ..... "	8 48	11 54	3 50	7 42
		P. M.		
Plym'th Ferry "	f 8 56	12 02	4 00	7 52
Wilkesbarre.... "	9 05	12 10	4 10	8 00
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Pittston(D & H) ar	f 9 41	f12 49	f 4 52	f 8 36
Scranton " "	10 10	1 16	5 20	9 05

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FOR PRESIDENT JUDGE OF 26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,
R. R. LITTLE,
of Bloomsburg.

THE WAR CLOUD.

In spite of the jingo newspapers there will not be a war with Spain. The President is holding the reins with a firm hand, and while war will be avoided unless Spain forces us into it, the honor of the United States will be maintained. The events of the past week have made no new developments in the Maine disaster. Spain requested the recall of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee as our representative at Havana, and President McKinley promptly refused, whereupon Spain withdrew its request. Congress has passed a bill appropriating $50,000,000 for defense, without a dissenting vote, work at all the Navy Yards is going on day and night, and if war comes it will not find us unprepared.

Method of Procedure In Case of Hostilities.

As the conviction becomes settled that the court of inquiry will decide that there was a mine explosion under the "Maine," discussion among American naval officers and civilians here is prevalent as to the warlike measures which it is believed the United States government will adopt in case the question of the payment of indemnity by Spain is overruled.

A majority believe that American troops will be landed at some point east of Havana and the insurgents communicated with, that the Spanish soldiery will be defeated or captured in detail, and that in the meantime a fleet of United States vessels will blockade, if not bombard Havana. No one seems to doubt that the reduction of this city would be comparatively easy. Four twenty-inch guns—two west and two east of the city—are the only ones that are considered dangerous. These are not likely to be well served, while their emplacements are not modern. That some Spaniards are of opinion that an attack on Havana will be made is believed to be shown by the abnormal activity displayed on board the "Vizcaya." The Associated Press correspondent has the best naval authority for the statement that the "Vizcaya" is in a constant state of readiness for emergencies and that picket boats are on the alert day and night inside the harbor and outside the harbor at night.

DIVERS' MYSTERIOUS CONDUCT.

The conduct of the Spanish divers who are investigating the wreck of the "Maine" is a mystery. Thus far they have not been down five hours in the aggregate, and they show no disposition to make a thorough inquiry. It is impossible to learn the truth fully regarding the purpose of the Spanish court of inquiry, but it is generally believed that the divers were sent down for form's sake only and that a report will be made in accordance with instructions from Madrid.

It may be that the Spanish divers have discovered that the whole port side of the "Maine" forward is gone and, having so reported. further examination is deemed unnecessary. The work of our own divers henceforward is bound to be slow, owing to the ponderous weights to be moved, and the safety clamps, nuts and rivets that must be cut.

Senator Proctor is likely to make a speech in the senate on his return that will have great weight in determining the future policy of the United States. He is much affected by the suffering that he found in Mantanzas, and highly indignant at what he calls the "inhumanity of the course pursued." During a visit to Artemisa, this province, he saw thousands of reconcentrados, who refused to beg, though starving.

They are ezidently of a class accustomed to make their own living and unwilling to become paupers. He saw thousands of acres of the best tobacco and banana lands in the world reduced to waste, with trochas and garrisons at every village and cross roads. His drivers pointing to the mountains fifteen miles away, said:

"There are plenty of insurgents camps there that the Spanish have never discovered.

The work of distribution of American relief under Miss Clara Barton, Mr. Elwell and their assistants is in Senator Proctor's judgment, carefully and effectively carried on. The demand is far in excess of the supply. The supplies expected at Matanzas and Sagua la Grande, to be brought by American cruisers, will afford unspeakable relief.

Latest Story.

As to the Way the Warship Maine Was Destroyed.

The latest story as to the way the Maine was blown up is contained in a letter forwarded by a secret Cuban club in Havana to J. M. Govin, a Cuban insurgent agent at Key West. The club received it in the ordinary course of mail. It was written in English, but was signed "Maquinata" (Mathinist.)

After a long preamble saying that the writer knew the Maine's fate was due to a Spanish plot, the letter goes on to say that in an old warehouse at Santa Catalina, 200 yards from where the Maine was moored, some diving apparatus had been hidden, and that from this base two divers had worked by night and filled the torpedo holes of the Maine with dynamite cartridges, connecting them with wire to the battery on the land, from which the cartridges exploded. According to the letter the divers were to have been paid a large sum, which has not been forthcoming. The Cubans in Key West say that investigation in Havana has tended to confirm the statements of the letter, which will go before the court of inquiry.

An officer of the Maine, whose attention was called to the story today, asserted positively to this correspondent that the torpedo holes of the Maine had not been opened during her stay in the harbor.

JAPAN WILL HELP US.

Has Offered Her Support in Case of War With Spain.

The destruction of the Maine may lead directly to a realization of Japan's desire to possess the Phillippine Islands, if the United States are forced to acquire Cuba and Porto Rico. The state department, at the instance of Japan, has determined that there were seven Japanese subjects aboard the Maine, and all were lost. If it is proven that the wreck was due to treachery, it is stated that the Japanese government purposes to demand an indemnity, re-inforcing the demand with a naval demonstration at Manilla. This circumstance gives the United States an unexpected and invaluable ally in case of a rupture with Spain.

It is stated that the Japanese minister has pledged assurances of Japanese support in any emergency. While it has not been accepted or declined it is recognized that the friendship of Japan would release the United States from the necessity of keeping some of her finest vessels in Asiatic waters, thus adding them to the Atlantic force, insuring the supremacy of the home fleet against any threatened Spanish raid on our coast.

It is a noteworthy fact that General Miles, the head of the army, and Adjutant General Corbin, the chief of staff, are neither of them West Point graduates. Each made for himself a brilliant record during the civil war and remained in the regular army at the close of that war. Their promotion has been unexampled for steady and rapid progress. Both have had "luck" in their favor, if there is such a thing as luck. Both are magnificent appearing men physically. Corbin is compared in looks and bearing to Hancock, the handsomest general in the American army. In a republic it is altogether fitting that a citizen who shows himself capable should be able to rise to the highest military rank, even without being ground out of West Point.

War is on everybody's tongue at present, and Bloomsburg has its share of volunteers who claim to be willing to drop everything and fly to the scene of trouble, but we don't think that any of them will swim the Atlantic in their thirst for Spanish blood.

For Congress.

Hon. Andrew L. Fritz, a prominent attorney of Bloomsburg, has announced himself as a candidate for congress from this district, composed of the counties of Columbia, Sullivan, Montour and Northumberland. Mr. Fritz had a long and successful legislative career as a member of Legislature from this county during sessions of 1885 and 1887, and also during the sessions of 1893 and 1895. At the session of 1895 he was chosen as the nominee for speaker, which position gave him the leadership of the Democratic side of the House. During that session by virtue of his position he served on more important committees than any other member,—among them were ways and means, judiciary general and appropriations. He was an honest, conscientious, popular, and influential member, had the confidence of all, and was always found at his post working against bad legislation. He was faithful in his duty to the constitution and to the people, and was an honor to the state and county he represented. He earned a good reputation as a legislator, both in the committee room and on the floor of the House by advocating economy in the expenditure of the public money and by always standing by that which he believed to be right, and he will be remembered as one of the men who stood at the helm of the state, earnestly working and talking against the creation of new offices and increase of salaries. Having had an extended legislative experience at Harrisburg, he is now well qualified to take this higher step. Mr. Fritz is popular and well acquainted with the people, and should have no trouble in making the nomination in the district.

The Public Domain.

The last report of the Secretary of the interior shows that only a little more than one-half of the public domain of the United States is either reserved or appropriated. The area still remaining vacant amounts to 591,343,953 acres, without including Alaska, which is supposed to embrace nearly 400,000,000 acres more. The entire area of the United States is placed at 1,835,017,692. Of this 741,702,365 acres is now owned by individuals or by corporations or states, or has passed out of the control of the general government. The amount reserved for schools, Indians, military and navy purposes, railroad grants, parks, forest reservations, etc. including all territory reserved from sale for any purpose whatsoever, amounts to 132,441,744 acres, so that taking the reserve land and the vacant land together, only about one-half of the area of the United States has actually passed out of control of the government, and at Alaska is included the unoccupied area is larger by 300,000,000 acres than that which is occupied

Military Strength of the Country.

The New York *Sun* prints a table showing the aggregate organized military strength of the several states to be 114,362 officers and men. An additional table shows the aggregate available number of men in the country fit for military service to be 10,415,701.

In this connection it will be interesting to know, in view of the talk about war these days, who will be subject to military duty. In Pennsylvania the law provides that all able bodied male citizens between the ages of 21 and 45 are liable to military duty, with the following exceptions: Idiots, lunatics, common drunkards, paupers, and persons convicted of any infamous crime. Also members of the legislature and the officers thereof; the secretary of the commonwealth, attorney general, state treasurer, surveyor general, auditor general, state librarian, superintendents of common schools, judges of the courts, sheriff, recorder of deeds, register of wills, prothonotary, district attorney and clerk of the courts.

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. . . . For the money that can be bought.

Our policy will be to give the best values for the money that our experience can buy.

Nice Spring Suits for Children from	Youths' Stylish Suits from	Men's Stylish Spring Suits from
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Come and be convinced that the place to buy your Clothing is at

Townsend's Star Clothing House.

NOTHING SLOW ABOUT THIS.

An Interesting Fact Brought to Light by the Maine Disaster.

The Maine catastrophe has brought to light some interesting facts concerning the means employed by a great newspaper to meet the demands of the public for quick, full and accurate information concerning that disaster. Although receiving the complete report of the news-gathering organizations, "The Philadelphia Press" is also giving exclusively to its readers daily despatches from the most brilliant corps of special correspondents and artists ever massed on a single piece of news. This includes Ralph D. Paine, Julian Hawthorne, Carl Decker, Sylvester Scovel and Louis Ruyl at Havana and Key West; E. J. Gibson and his assistants at Washington; Julian Ralph, at London, and equally well-in-formed representatives at the other points at which news is likely to be obtained. It is sometimes said that Philadelphia is "slow," but there is nothing slow in the enterprise which enables "The Philadelphia Press" to set up the claim that it is leading all the other newspapers in the country in the promptness and reliability of its news about the Maine, and that is the only newspaper which commands the services of all the writers and artists named.

Travelling Facilities to the South.

The eyes of the public are always turned with interest on the Nation's Capitol, Washington, with its magnificent public buildings, its beautiful streets, its world-famous library and the fact that it is the centre of all this great country's interests. Baltimore and Washington are brought into close touch with us by the two great systems, the *Philadelphia and Reading Railway* and the *Baltimore and Ohio*. The Royal Blue Line needs no introduction. It is famous for its swift, safe and superb trains, its comfortable and commodious cars, and the marvelous exactitude with which its trains speed to their destination. There is only one way to go South; take the Philadelphia and Reading to Philadelphia where close connections are made over the Royal Blue Line.

A curious question is being fought over in the court at Atlantic City. A professional photographer makes complaint that amateur kodak fiends are injuring his business because of the facility with which they take snap shots of everything picturesque about the seaside resort. It does not appear at all that they sell these pictures, but only take them for their own pleasure. However the law may decide, common sense is certainly on the side of the amateur photographers. The claim that anybody in America has not the right to photograph anything he pleases, provided always the owner of it is willing, is something too paternal even for a despotic government like Russia. Go on with your snap shots, boys and girls.

Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made. 4-1-1y

AUDITOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Charles Moser, late of Roaringcreek township.

The undersigned, auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to make distribution of balance in hands of administrator will meet at office of Rhawn & Small in Catawissa on Friday April 8th, 1898, at 9 o'clock a. m. when and where all persons having claims against said estate must appear and prove the same, or be debarred from coming in on said fund.

3 10-4t. FRANK IKELER, *Auditor.*

SHOPPING NEWS of SPRING NOVELTIES.

All of which are open for Inspection.

All the fashionable weaves of Dress Goods.
All the Conceptions of the Silk weaves.
All the dainty styles of Wash Fabrics.
All the popular trimming for our new dress goods.
All the new styles in Shirt Waists.

At the Dress Goods Counter

Has been brought together a choice collection of Spring fabrics which are truly tempting if not to say bewildering, on account of the great variety of weaves and wide range of colors. Here is a little lot worth a visit to see. Whipcords, checks, plaids, stripes, cheviots, berages, grenadines, veloure, poplins, brocades, and neat mixed effects, 25, 30, 42, 45, 50, 56, 60, 65, 75c, 1.00, 1.20, 1.25, 1.50, $1.75.

An interesting lot of Silks, 27 in. Silk, the printed India kind in all the new colors at a very unusual price, 75c.

Fresh lot from the looms, in plaids, checked, striped, and figured, from 75c to $1.00.

High class black brocades and taffetas brought to a price which deserves attention, 75c to $1.00.

Wash Goods.

Of all departments, that of Wash Goods possesses a freshness peculiarly its own. The delicate tints and gauzy fabrics send forth a tempting influence and wise is the shopper who appreciates the importance of early selections. Special exhibit of the following:

Organdies, Zephyrs, Ginghams and Scotch Zephyrs. 10, 12½ and 16c the yard.

A Glove Bargain that you can safely order by mail, P. Antemure & Co., Kid Gloves, fine quality, they must fit, 3 buttons, every Fashionable spring shade. You never wore a better glove for the price, $1.20 a pair. Postage paid to any part of this country.

Shirt Waists.

We have them displayed in our cloak room on second floor. They are just fresh from S. L. Munson's Factory in Albany, which is acknowledged by leading retailers that the styles are the newest, and the best fitting waists made in the country.

Ladies' and Misses' Muslin Underwear.

Perfect in fit, trimmed with fine embroidery and lace, made of good muslin or cambric, at prices you cannot buy the material to make them.

Dress Trimming.

Our Dress Trimmings will be put on sale this week, and we think we can safely say we have never shown as complete a line as we can this season.

GOOD COFFEE is half the battle for a good breakfast as well as half the battle for a happy home. Most men's weak point is good coffee, and the way to a man's heart is said to be through his stomach. A hint is as good as a kick to a wise woman.

Our Chase & Sanborn coffee costs a little more, but the difference in the price is well invested, 12½c lb to 40c.

GROCERIES, yes, we have our Grocery shelves full of the best goods we can buy. If you want to try a new breakfast, get a package of Colonial Blended Food, or a new dessert get a package of Junket.

F. P. PURSEL.

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CORSER'S NEW SHOE STORE.

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Big Drives--In Shoes!

500 pair Women's shoes, sizes 1 to 4, at

$1.00 A PAIR.

Genuine Dongola Kid, with good soles and counters, always have sold at $2.00 and $2.50. They are small sizes, and for that reason go at $1.00 a pair. They'll not be here long at these prices. If you can't wear them your children can, and they are just as big a bargain for them as for you.

This is weather for gum shoes and gum boots. We have them at lowest prices. Men's gum boots $2.00.

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1898.

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BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

D. J. Tasker spent last Sunday in Reading.

J. C. Sterner of Philadelphia, spent a few days in town during the past week.

John Vannatta of Lewistown, visited relatives in town the past week.

Miss Mary Gruver of Nanticoke, Sundayed with friends in town.

I. K. Lockard and wife spent Friday visiting friends at Nanticoke.

Editor William Smith, of the Benton "Argus," gave this office a call on Tuesday.

Miss Gertrude Williams of Berwick, was the pleasant guest of Miss Margaret Laubach this week.

Miss Cora Fox of Catawissa, visited Mis Gertrude Kreigh, on Eighth Street, over Sunday.

Mrs Luther Rupert, who has been visiting relatives at New York City for the past two weeks, returned home on Friday.

Dr. William McKelvy returned to his western home in Colorado on Saturday. He has been visiting in town for several weeks.

Edward Myers, who has been living on Railroad Street, this town, started on Saturday for Waterbury, Connecticut, where he intends making his home.

The many friends of Dr. F. W. Redeker's were glad to see him out walking on Friday. He has been confined to the house for several months.

Rev. M. E. McLinn, of the Lutheran Church attended the North Branch Conference of the Susquehanna Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church at Shamokin this week.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

The season for shad will soon be here.

How do you stand? Are you for Cuba Libre, war with Spain, either, neither, or both.

Martha, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hidlay, died at Espy on Saturday afternoon. The funeral took place on Monday.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

A SPEEDY RETURN

for your money is assured if you buy the

Stormer Bicycle

It's built to last. It's easy running. It does not get out of order. It's guaranteed until 1899.

What Price?

$30 to all alike.

SEE ONE IN MY WINDOW.

W. S. RISHTON, Ph. G.,

Opposite P. O. Pharmacist

Invitations have been issued announcing the wedding of Miss Edith A. Thomas, of town, to Clark W. Deitrick of Philadelphia. Mr. Deitrick formerly lived here.

America's greatest medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cures when all other preparations fail to do any good whatever.

John Mourey has tendered his resignation as general gauger and storekeeper of this district to Revenue Collector Penman, to take effect March 31st.

The Ladies' Exchange will have on sale this week a special lot of dressed chickens. noodles, mince pies, cakes, etc. in Clark's basement. Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

The Clover Wheelmen's basket ball team, of Philadelphia, were entertained by the Bloomsburg Wheelmen at the Third Street club house after the game Monday night.

Miss Gertrude Sheep's Sunday School Class will give a 15c. lunch supper at her home on East Street tomorrow night. Ice cream and cake extra.

The Friendship Fire Company held its annual election last week. William Webb was elected president, John Scott, vice president, William Gilmore, treasurer, and A. V. Hower, secretary.

At a ball in New York recently, says an exchange, each guest represented a vegetable. It is presumed that when the onion and the horseradish entered there was not a dry eye in the house.

F. H. Lasey, the new leader of the Bloomsburg Band, arrived in town on Monday. The first rehearsal under his direction was held Monday night. The boys are all of the opinion that he "will do."

The first rehearsal for the cantata, "David the Shepherd Boy," took place in the Y. M. C. A. Hall Monday night. It will be rendered in the Opera House some time next month. There will be a chorus of seventy-five voices.

Word received at the Navy Department from Capt. Sigsbee, of the Maine, says: "Any interviews with me, if printed, are untrue." This should certainly call a halt on some of the sensational papers of the country, which have been printing interviews with him every day since the explosion.

The new borough council of Chambersburg, had an exciting time at its first meeting on Monday night. An attempt was made to select a president, four hundred ballots were taken, and the vote remained the same. All the other town offices are involved and prolonged deadlocks are predicted.

A Kansas judge has decided that a bicycle is a "tool" and is essential to its owner's occupation or profession and as such is exempt from levy and sale in the collection of a debt or judgment. Whether or not this decision would hold good in Pennsylvania, is a question.

The new organ for St. Paul's P. E. Church, arrived on Saturday. Mr. Midmer and his men were on hand Monday morning, and the old organ was taken down that day. It will take about ten days to set up the new one, so that it will be used for the first time a week from Sunday. Services will be held in the Parish House next Sunday.

The Bloomsburg School Board held a regular monthly meeting at the High School building Thursday night. The members were all present. Orders were issued for the teachers' salaries. Principal Sterner made his monthly report. The pupils will be given the usual spring vacation of one week, from March 24 to April 4th. Commencement exercises will be held the week of May 30th.

The free delivery system in Bloomsburg is now a little over a week old, and from all accounts is giving perfect satisfaction. Of course carriers are experiencing some little difficulty where the houses are not numbered but it is to be hoped that property owners will see the necessity of numbering their buildings, which will greatly aid a quicker delivery of the mail.

The Bloomsburg Wheelman held their annual election at the club house Tuesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, John G. Harman; Vice President, G. P. Ringler; Secretary, W. H. Eyer; Treasurer, T. B. Moore; Board of Governors A. H. Bloom, G. M. Tustin, A. H. Stroh, I. A. Snyder, P. K. Vannatta, Frank H. Wilson; Auditing Committee, E. F. Carpenter, Morris Broadt and William Hehl. In order to increase the membership, the initiation was reduced from five to two dollars.

A Thrilling Lecture.

On next Tuesday evening March 15, in the Methodist church, Rev. W. A. Spencer D. D. the Secretary of the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will deliver his popular and thrilling lecture on "The Great Battlefields of the World." Dr. Spencer is an old soldier. He wears the button and knows about war. He is specially anxious to have all the old soldiers of Bloomsburg and vicinity hear him, and they are therefore most earnestly invited to come. To bring the lecture within the reach of all, it has been decided to sell no tickets but to take a *silver offering* at the door, the young people of the town will gather much information and inspiration from the lecture. Indeed it will be a rare treat for all, old and young, to hear Dr. Spencer in the Methodist church next Tuesday evening. Doors will open at 7:00. Lecture begins at 8:00.

It didn't take Spain long to withdraw her objections to General Lee, after McKinley emphatically refused to pay any attention to her request. She had better go easy from now on as the feathers of the eagle are beginning to ruffle.

On Monday morning Mr. William Neal received a dispatch from his daughter, Mrs. Morris Shipley of Cincinnati, announcing the death of her husband on Sunday night at ten o'clock. A letter written on Friday announced his illness. The funeral took place on Tuesday. Mrs. Shipley and four children survive him.

ARBOR DAYS.

Governor Hastings has designated two days this spring to be observed in planting of trees, April 8 and 22. The proclamation says:

"The swelling bud and flowing sap remind us that the annual awakening of plant life is approaching, and that our share in the work of tree planting for the benefit of ourselves and our fellow men must shortly be performed. It is incumbent upon us not only to observe this ennobling custom, but also to be conspicuous therein."

That the children of the Commonwealth may be impressed with the importance and beneficence of the tree planting and that the men and women of matured judgment, may approve by an active interest in Arbor Day the effort now being made to render our homes more beautiful and our land more fertile and productive by clothing the mountains and valleys, the shores of our rivers and streams and lining our highways with trees, now therefore, I, Daniel H. Hastings, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with law, do hereby designate and proclaim Friday the 8th of April and Friday the 22nd day of April, A. D., 1898, to be observed as Arbor Days throughout the Commonwealth."

Puny Children

Who would prescribe only tonics and bitters for a weak, puny child? Its muscles and nerves are so thoroughly exhausted that they cannot be *whipped* into activity. The child needs food; a blood-making, nerve-strengthening and muscle-building food.

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-Liver Oil is all of this, and you still have a tonic in the hypophosphites of lime and soda to act with the food. For thin and delicate children there is no remedy superior to it in the world. It means growth, strength, plumpness and comfort to them. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.

50c. and $1.00, all druggists.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

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If you are looking for fine

Sterling Silver Articles

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Rich Cut Glass,

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J. E. ROYS,

JEWELER.

A large and elegant line of these goods just received.

The superior workmanship and originality of designs make these goods especially distinguished. Designs are protected by patents.

To all Holders of First Mortgage Carpet Mill Bonds.

You will please report to Louis Gross, William Kramer, or C. W. Runyon, the amount of your respective holdings, before March, 25th, 1898, as a movement is on foot to collect the principal and interest of these overdue bonds. 2t.*

Horse Sale.

Geo. H. Welliver will sell a fine lot of horses at auction at the Exchange stables on Saturday, March 12th, at one o'clock sharp. He has some fine teams, for all around purpose, single drivers, &c. They were purchased by him in Ohio, and is the finest car load he ever brought here. Some rare bargains await those who are in need of good horses. J. S. Williams is the auctioneer.

Notice to Delinquent Tax Payers. Paste this in Your Hat.

I am now forced to collect the unpaid taxes of 1895 and 1896. I regret exceedingly to take this severe method because I know of the suffering that must follow but, having obligated myself by bond to collect the amounts on the duplicate I will begin at once by giving ten days' notice. Let me caution all who receive the notice, to prepare for payment on the day stated, as the money will be required at that time, or, in company with a constable I will proceed to make levy and sale of personal goods, and if not sufficient goods can be found, will be obliged to convey the delinquent to the county jail. Let me suggest this, that if there be any who, upon receiving notice, will not be able to meet the amount of taxes at time named, that you go at once to the County Commissioners, the Board of School Directors, the Board of Poor Directors, or the Town Council and obtain a notice in writing, directing me to extend the time for your payment, otherwise the costs will be made and you have no one but yourself to blame. I will be at Council room in Town Hall every evening from 6:30 to 8:30 to receive taxes. J. K. BITTENBENDER, Collector.

The Musical College, Freeburg, Snyder county Pa., is one of the foremost schools of music in the country. $33 will pay for a term of six weeks, instruction and board. Spring Term will begin May 3.

For catalogue address,

HENRY B. MOYER, Director.

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DOES IT PAY.

"I attended the Bloomsburg State Normal School *one spring term*, after which I secured a position in a graded school, which I held for *ten years*. I now wish I had remained at the school and graduated."

A Young Lady,
From Wyoming County, Pa.

Spring term will open March 29, 1898. Write for a catalogue and souvenir book of views, to

J. P. Welsh, Ph. D., Principal.

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THE KIND YOU HAVE ALWAYS BOUGHT

Has the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher on every wrapper.

CLARKS'.

We call your attention this week to our line of

BLACK DRESS GOODS

in all the leading weaves and styles of the coming season. This Black Dress Goods Stock is second to none for quality, style and price. We buy no tricky black goods; none but the best makes find room here. Our line of the famous

PRIESTLEY'S BLACK GOODS

is now complete, and we claim they are the best black goods made, and so conceded by the trade. None but the best Australian wools are used. All yarn dyed goods. The finish is perfect. We invite you to examine this showing of Black Dress Materials. We think an inspection will repay you.

We here mention four items, but come, see the goods.

42 in. all wool Priestley Poplins, 80c yd., worth to day $1.00 a yd.
48 in. Black Mohair, 59c yd.,
46 in. Drap D'ete, $1 50 yd., worth $1.75.
50 in. all wool Cassimere Serge, 50c yd., worth 62½c.

LINENS. We call your attention to our Linen Department where you will find complete lines of table linens in all grades of bleached and unbleached. Towels in all grades, Napkins, Doylies, Toweling by the yard, Lunch Cloths, Pattern Table Linens. Linen Sets, etc. Prices are in the buyers favor notwithstanding the former tone of the market. See the 72c Bleached Damask; the towels at 29c pair; Turkish towels at 25c pair; toweling at 3½c yd.; plaid linens for cushion covers.

Silverware, Roger's Make, in knives, forks, teaspoons, tablespoons, etc., at prices lower than usual for these high grade goods.

Sheets and Pillow Cases, torn and hemmed, made of best muslins, about as cheap as you would buy the muslin. See the goods, and we think you will be convinced it will not pay to make them.

Fur Baby Carriage Robes at reduced prices.
Wool Undershirts at reduced prices.
Dress Skirts at reduced prices. Try our Skirt, all lined, at $1.49.
Eiderdown House Sacques reduced in price.
Percales, yard wide, all grades.
All Black Brocade Sateens, 12½c yd. 20 yds. Muslin for 88c.
Dress Trimmings all kinds.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

MARKET SQUARE DRY GOODS HOUSE.

The last call on Winter Goods this week at our Store.

We had sent us last week a line of Fur Capes, to be held one week for sale at Special Prices, less than wholesale. They are in long and short ones.

CAPES.

One at	$15.00,	worth $25.00.
One at	17.50,	worth 28.00.
One at	22 50,	worth 30.00.
One at	12.50,	worth 18.00.
One at	10.50,	worth 15.00.
One at	8.00,	worth 12.00.
One at	6.00,	worth 8.50.

Others at other prices.

A few Coats reduced below cost with children's and misses' Jackets at prices that will pay to keep over for another year.

We have a good line of Ladies' Muslin Underwear at February reduced prices, which will be continued until the new stock arrives.

A lot of Linen Remnants left over from our Linen Sale, in table cloth patterns, from 1¼ to 3 yd. patterns, less than the prices were at the special sale. Also a few Counterpanes and Napkins, with a lot of Towels, all at bargain prices.

Don't be afraid to ask for Table Oilcloth at 12c, as we have enough for all.

This is our week in the city purchasing New Spring Goods. Wait for a new dress pattern, for a light weight cape or jacket, for new lace and other curtains, for silk and other trimmings.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

EVERYTHING MUST BE SOLD.

To move the remainder of our stock we have still cut prices lower. Your opportunity of buying goods of all kinds less than cost. We must vacate the store room, the time is short, the

GOODS MUST BE SOLD,

and we have made prices that should move them rapidly. We mention below a few items:

DRESS GOODS. All our dress goods that have been 50c. now go at **25c. yd.**
SILK POPLINS that sold for $1.00 yd., now **35c. yd.**
BROADCLOTHS that sold for $1.00 and $1.25, now **65c. yd.**
SILKS that sold for $1.40 yd. now **90c. yd.** $1.25 yd. now **75c. yd.** 35c. yd. now **20c. yd.**
SATINES that sold for 40 and 25c. yd. now **15c. yd.** 14 and 16c. yd. now **9c. yd.**
ORGANDIES. French goods that sold for 35c. yd. now **15c. yd.** Lawns that sold for 12 and 14c. now **5** and **8c. yd.**
DRESS GINGHAMS that sold for 12½c. yd. now go at **5c. yd.** Silk mixed Dress Ginghams, that was 35c. yd., now **15c. yd.**
Crowley's sewing needles, 2c. paper.
Corticelli (100 yd.) sewing silk, 6c. spool.
Corticelli wash Filo and Twist, 35c. doz.
All silk baby ribbon ribbon, 2 yds. for 1c.
300 yd. spools basting cotton, 3 spools for 1c.
LEATHER BELTS at 10c. Worth double and more.
LADIES' LINEN COLLARS, 5c piece Ladies' cuffs, 5c. pair.
SILVERWARE. Rogers' 1847 make &c., at half price.
UNDERWEAR. 25c. Ladies' vests and pants, now **18c.**
50c. ladies' vests and pants, now **35c.**
50c. men's shirts and pants, now **30c**
25c. children's shirts and pants, now **15c.**
Cotton flannels, Cretonnes, &c. at reduced prices
Corsets in large sizes at 35c, worth 75c.
32 in. French Ginghams, 10c. yd.
Best light Calico, 3c. yd.
36 in. Sea Island Percales, 8c. yd.
VELVETS. Striped silk velvets suitable for waists, &c., that was $1.00 and $1.25 yd., now **29c. yd.**
LACE CURTAINS in odd pairs at almost your own price.
FINE DOTTED SWISSES, suitable for dresses, curtains, &c. at greatly reduced prices.
BLACK DRESS GOODS away down in price.
WHITE FLANNELS. Fine goods at reduced prices.
STAMPED LINENS. One-half former price.
HANDKERCHIEFS, 30 and 25c. ladies' now **18c.**
36 in. plain colored Lawns for dresses and linings in all colors, now go for **8c. yd.**
BUTTONS. The best values you ever seen. Goods that was 25c. doz., now 2 doz. for **15c.** and lots of others. See them.
JEWELRY. An assortment of Stick pins, Brooches, Ear-rings, Bracelets, and your own selection at 5c. each. Goods worth ten and twenty times the price.
EMBROIDERIES away down. It will pay you to see them.
BLACK SHAWLS. Fine Thibet goods at less than cost of importation. See them.
HOSIERY. Ladies' and children's stockings that sold for 25 and 15c. pair. Now **5c.** pair.
Ladies' hose that was 50c. pair now **15c.**
Men's hose at 10c. pair.

Now is your time. Lots of other bargains for you. Come and see.

H. W. SLOAN.

WE HAVE NO AGENTS

but have sold direct to the consumer for 25 years at wholesale prices, saving him the dealer's profits. Ship anywhere for examination. Everything warranted. 118 styles of Vehicles, 55 styles of Harness. Top Buggies, $36 to $70. Surreys, $60 to $125. Carriages, Phaetons, Traps, Wagonettes, Spring-Rose and Milk Wagons. Send for large, free Catalogue of all our styles.

No. 77. Surrey Harness. Price, $16.00. As good as sells for $25.

No. 606 Surrey. Price, with curtains, lamps, sunshade, apron and fenders, $60. As good as sells for $80.

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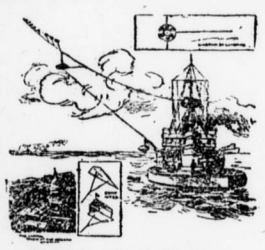
IN CASE OF WAR.

PLENTY OF HOT BLOOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

Many Cranks Write Letters to the Authorities—What Spain Has Been—Our American Navy-Kites and Cameras In Naval Warfare.

William A. Eddy, of Bayonne, N. J., has made some very interesting experiments with kites and elevated cameras. He has submitted to the Navy Department his plans for the use of this apparatus in reconnoitring from the decks of war vessels. Mr. Eddy is anxious that his application for permission to make experiments will be granted. In regard to this proposed method of photography below the horizon line Mr. Eddy says:

"I have studied men of war and the positions of their masts with great care during the last two years, and I am satisfied that on the regular armor clad ship the best position for the kites to be flown from would be the foremast and that a pulley block fastened there would lift the camera apparatus entirely beyond interference with the rigging. My plan would be to use six



Kites in Naval Warfare.

cameras set in the form of a hexagon on a circular platform, this platform to be prevented from revolving by a light boom set out from the kite string, and each camera numbered to correspond with a chart kept on the deck."

He explained that if the direction of the kites altered through a change in the wind it could be instantly observed and the chart shifted to correspond. Then small photographes would be taken every few minutes by his battery of cameras and could be developed within five minutes, so that any object they showed could be observed. It would not be necessary, he says, to wait to wash and print the negatives. Should something that looked like a war ship he noticed on one of the plates it would be only necessary to send up a large camera to take a photograph in that same direction, and then it could be determined from that plate what kind of a vessel it really was.

As might be expected under the circumstances, people totally ignorant of military methods and cranks, form a large part of the overzealous patriots. One man requests the President to send him immediately a cap, belt and uniform, that he may open a recruiting office in Philadelphia. This man says he is able to command any number of men, but would be content with a captain's commission. He says he can navigate any ship afloat and is an excellent steward.

An old colored man of Alexandria, Va., says he is prepared to enlist more than seven hundred colored soldiers who fought in the late war, and asks for a colonel's commission. Many superannuated inmates of the soldiers' homes are with difficulty restraining themselves from marching in a body to Washington to tender their services to the President. An officer of the Adjutant General's office remarked on reading their letters that he feared the demands on the hospital corps would be too great to accept their tender.

An enthusiastic mechanical engineer has presented an elaborate, but impracticable, scheme for barricading harbors and rivers with fortified pontoons. Another man, ready for his country's call, styles himself a professional aeronaut of ten years' experience, "well versed in hydrogen gas and hot air balloons." He suggests the employment of large quantities of nitro-glycerine and other high explosives, to be carried up in balloons and dropped upon the decks of the enemy's ships.

That there is a great deal of hot blood in the United States with an impatient determination to support the administration if developments shall compel it to adopt a hostile attitude toward Spain is evidenced by the hundreds of letters received since the Maine disaster at the White House and the War and Navy departments offering services and suggestions.

These letters come from all sorts and conditions of men, women and children in all parts of the country. Many are from men of standing and influence whose services would be appreciated in the event of an outbreak of hostilities. Among these are officers of the National Guard organizations, who pledge their willingness and that of their entire regiments to enlist as a body in the service of the United States in case of emergency. Many medical men have tended their services as army and navy surgeons. Men and women nurses; some of them attached to hospitals in the large cities, are begging the authorities to call upon them if needed. Scores of boys from ten to fifteen years old are clamoring for permission to enlist as drummer boys. There are numerous applications for authority to recruit volunteers. The number of former confederate soldiers who offer their services is especially large.

Spain was once the greatest nation on the globe. Say, rather she was twice so. First as a centre of learning and science under the sarasencic rule, when the city of Cordova had a mile of gas-lit streets and fountains of quick silver played in the palace yard of the caliph. Second, when she was the greatest military power in Europe. If you look at the names of countries, cities and places in the western hemisphere you will realize what a grand empire Spain once was and what a power she welded over men. But Spain could not stand the march of modern invention. She has steadily shrunk and shrivled and lost her possessions, until now all she has left worth speaking of is Cuba. The Phillipines are insignificant possessions. It is interesting to know that the total population of Spain is 17,565,632. Many people, without looking up the matter, would say at a guess that Spain's population was 35,000,000 or 40,000,000 it is in reality less than 18,000,000. The area of France is only a few thousand square miles greater, and yet France has a population of very nearly 40,000,000. Texas has an area of 274,356 square miles. Spain could be laid out on Texas and Texas would have 76,686 square miles left over. The states of Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois and Alabama have more population together than has Spain and are immensely more wealthy. These states could borrow enough money with their whole field of commodities and capital behind the loan, to pay off at one scoop the whole national debt of Spain. They could raise, pay and maintain a bigger army than Spain could. Their natural resources could out-last Spain's ten to one. Their steam power is ifinitely greater, and as man power can always be gagued by steam power you can imagine the difference. These four states could exist if separated from all the rest of the world.

The American navy has been distinguished throughout its history for the strictness of its disipline and the closeness of its vigilance. Not a shadow of fact has appeared that suggests even the possibility that there was any departure from that rule on the Maine. Nothing in the catastrophe so far as it has been reported affords the slightest indication of negligence on the ship, but all the circumstances point to the carefulness of the Maine's officers and crew and tend to relieve of al responsibility for the loss of the ship and suggests that no solution of mystery will be found which throws discredit on them. The officers of the American navy were never so thoroughly trained in their duties as now. The rise of new methods of naval construction, the invention of new explosives, the improvements in armament, and the many applications of scientific discoveries to ships of war, have been followed, step by step, in the training of our naval officers, until it can be said of them without reservation that nowhere in the world are their superiors to be found, if indeed, any other navy contains their equal as a whole in scientific adaption to the conditions of modern naval warfare. More than that they are a splendid body of men, morally and physically.

Queer things happen at social functions in Washington. At a reception given recently by the Spanish minister a woman was discovered in the act of carrying off a large plate of chicken salad. She had slipped it under a rich wrap which she wore, and had proceeded as far as the outer door when a detective in the employ of the caterer headed her off. This is hardly an unusual occurence. At the public receptions women thieves have been accustomed to steal china, silverware and even common dishes. So great has become the nuisance that the givers of the receptions no longer use their own dishes. A caterer is hired to supply everything and he also supplies detectives to watch his property. These detectives are sometimes in the disguise of maids who assist the ladies with their wraps, but more often appear as guests in proper gowns and suits. A short time ago a lady who goes in the very best Washington society was discovered stealing valuable pins from the dressers at a small private dinner. She was comfronted by her hostess and said she had slipped the jewelery into her pocket so that it might not be stolen by the maids who were about the dressing room.

In the great emergency which threatens the peace of the Nation, all eyes turn instinctively to our navy. It is realized that modern war ships are to a very great extent experienental affairs and what the outcome of a great naval battle will be, no one can now tell. The head of the Navy Department, Secretary Long, is a cool, clear-headed man of affairs, capable of doing an im-

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt.

mense amount of work, and possessing a degree of deliberative judgment which will be of preeless value to the country in case of hostilities. His first assistant is also not unknown to fame. Theodore Roosevelt demonstrated his executive ability while at the head of the New York Police Department. He possesses a decree of vigor and action, which will find plent of room for its development.

U. S. Mail Protector.

The United States Government is sometimes served for years by valuable servants who are not even boarded at the expense of the Government. These servants are cats. Rats are one of the persistent dangers that threaten the United States mail. They destroy the bags and the mail matter. The Post Office Building in New York City is a large building, and now many years old. It is said that there are sixty cats in the building cared for by the clerks. Some of the cats have never lived anywhere else; others have come in from the neighborhood. The cats who have known only this home are very shy of strangers, and will come only to the clerks in the building. So you see that the Government is served without pay by these faithful servants who prevent the destruction by rats of valuable property, and all that is given them is shelter.

We admire the heroes of the past, but always have to have a sneaking feeling that the martyrs ough to have been smart enough to get away.

OUT FROM THE WEST

He Finds a Wife in a Pretty Girl at the "Bazaar of Nations"

A tall man with a full beard and color of old gold, and a wide-brimmed hat such as is invariably associated with the denizens of the wild west, wearing a suit of ready-made clothes with the shelf marks of an Omaha store plainly visible, got off the train as it reached the Northwestern depot at Chicago and had his gripsack checked for safe keeping in the waiting room.

"Say Mister," he said of the checks, "mebbe you's better leave that thar gun," pointing to a 44-calibre revolver, the down-pointing muzzle of which hung some inches below the tail of his short sack coat. "The police might take you in, and then you'd be fined $50, besides conferskatin' the shooter."

"P'raps you're right, pardner," said the westerner, after a minute's consideration. "I never been in a big town before; ain't exactly fly on the ways of the people. Your're sure I won't need it?"

"No, you won't need it," said the check man; leastways, if you don't drink too much."

'I never drink," said the newcomer, unstrapping the formidable weapon and handing it over.

When he reached Clark street he glanced up and down admiringly at the crowded thoroughfare, thronged with wagons, street cars and people.

Setting his hat firmly on his head, the stranger stopped a hurrying man and asked:

"Say, stranger!"

"Well, sir?" said the other, stopping impatiently.

"Say, can you tell me where the business part of the town it? I'm a stranger——"

But the man had gone before the sentence had concluded.

"Pears to me they didn't tumble to innercent jokes," he said to himself.

Then he looked across the street and saw the signs of the Chicago museum.

'A show,' hey! Well, I take that in, sure."

He bought a ticket and passed in, and was soon contemplating the pretty girls in the costumes of all nations. Round and round he walked, and all the time his wonder grew. He glanced furtively and bashfully at the beauties in the gorgeous and becoming costumes.

"Wonder if they can talk United States?" he thought.

Finally he found a post against which he could stand, and, thus braced, he pushed his hat brim out of the way and stared long and earnestly at one of the young ladies who seemed to take his eye.

The girl was fully conscious of the admiring look, but, like a well-behaved girl, took no notice of it until after the space of some moments, when the steady gaze brought the color to her cheeks and a half smile to her face, which she attempted to hide by quickly turning about.

The girl became nervous. She attempted to dust off the front of the booth with a feather brush, buf it flew from her fingers upon the floor.

The western man sprang quickly forward and handed it to her with untaught grace.

"Thank you, sir," she said, with a smile and a blush.

"Oh, can you talk American?" he asked.

"Yes, sir," she replied. "Why not?"

"Oh, I dunno; you're wearin' a furrin' rig, you know."

"Yes, I am an American," she said.

"Yes? Do you stay here all the time?"

"No, I live at home. I'm only here for a couple of weeks."

"I'm a stranger in town," he said.

"Indeed!"

"Yes. I live in Arizony."

"Is that far away?"

"Yes; it's lonesome for me out there sometimes."

"Why don't you live in a city?"

"'Cause I got a ranch and a lot of cattle."

She looked at him with sudden respect, for she had heard of the western cattle kings.

"I was going east to see a gal," he said, after a pause. "But I don't think I'll go now."

'Why not?"

"'Cause I've found one that suits me in Chicago."

"You're lucky," said the girl, smiling at the simplicity of the man. "Who is she?"

"You!"

"Oh, go on with your foolishness. You never saw me before."

"No," he said, "but I'm going to stay in Chicago and see you again. Fact is, I want a wife. I'm a plain man. If you'll marry me, say so."

"This is so sudden, and I don't know you and——"

"Never mind that. Where do you live?"

"No.—, ——street."

"Father and mother living?"

"Father is dead. I live with my mother."

"And you come here to make a little money toward paying the rent."

"Never mind. I'm coming to see you to-night. I can convince your mother that I am able to take care of you. And I've got letters to Chicago men to show you who and what I am. If your mother will go along out, I'll be glad to have her along. Anyway, I'm going to take you."

"You are very confident, seems to me," said the young lady, who had suddenly come to think a yellow beard handsome.

To-day there is a vacancy in the "Bazaar of Nations," for one of the prettiest girls has gone, and in a neat little cottage in North Division an old lady and a girl are sewing for dear life on a serviceable bridal outfit.—London Evening News.

A Possible Explanation.

Lucy—George is very much annoyed Mr. Hudson, who has always been his most intimate friend, never congratulated him on our engagement.

May—Mr. Hudson has the reputation of being an extremely conscientious man.—Harlem Life.

His Objection.

Gavin—One thing I like about Bunco's grocery. You can order your goods over the 'phone and after a short wait have them delivered.

Bailey—That just what I don't like.

Gavin—What?

Bailey—The short weight.

Alaskan Mining Stories.

The fairy tales of the enormous fortunes made in a few months in Alaska are in every case to be taken with a grain of salt—yes, a whole barrelful. The favorite game of the returned Alaskan miner is to carry with him a bagful of nuggets, which he displays to the bulging eyes of newspaper reporters, ever ready to grasp at an item whether it be true or false. The miner shows the bag of nuggets and invites the crowd to take a drink. The crowd and the newspaper reporters do the rest.

In every case, except perhaps one in 500, the person who shows ostentatiously the bag of nuggets is either a miner trying to sell his claims or the agent of a transportation company. The crowd gazes at the bag of gold with admiration not unmingled with awe. Finally one sidles up to the man who has it and asks in a low voice, "How much, now, have you really got?" The returned miner answers with a languid air of indifference and in a confidential tone, "Oh, maybe about $150,000!" He may or may not have $5,000, but the tale gets into the newspapers all the same, which is what he wants.

We know of one case in which a returned miner said out and out that he had taken $500,000 out of his Alaskan claims when as an actual fact he had taken only $25,000. He was loaded up with mining claims which it was his business to sell to the gullible tenderfoot.

Here are some cold facts: The most money that has been made out of Alaska has been made by those who sold claims to the ignorant in the states. The whole amount of money thus far taken out of Alaska sums up, all told, not over $2,500,000. The lies of the transportation companies and the returned miners who want to sell have swelled the total to about $10,000,000. If there were as many rich mines there as has been represented, those who own them would be blessed clear of wanting to sell them. The awful climate and the hardship of the Alaska trip are, of course, nothing to deter a brave, robust man from going, but the disappointment apt to meet him after he gets there is something to consider very seriously.

Not So Many.

The human race today numbers 1,620,000,000 and increases eight per cent every 10 years, according to the recent report of the International Statistical Institute. The society has set its heart upon having in 1900 a joint count of human noses in all civilized nations, but various governments decline to upset their census arrangements made for other years, and the scheme has been abandoned. The figures 1,620,000,000, are not an exact count, but as close an estimate as possible by expert statisticians. Any patriotic individual, here or abroad, who fancies that this country contains the major part of mankind should compare his country's population with that of the world. In the United States we amount to about four per cent of the human race.

WHY?

Why is it that a silent partner has so much to say?

Why does a man who is really good usually look so sad?

Why does a loafer always bother a man when he's busy?

Why do we use the term "playwright" instead of "playwriter?"

Why is it that your shoestring never breaks unless you are in a hurry?

COULD NOT SLEEP.

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Adjournment Uncertain.

Impossible to Say When Board Will Finish Its Work.

It has developed through telegraphic correspondence between Secretary Long and Admiral Sicard that the court of inquiry is unable to fix even an approximate date for the conclusion of its investigation into the disaster to the "Maine."

Sharing the general anxiety for some information on this point Secretary Long, at the instance of the cabinet, sent a telegram to Admiral Sicard asking him when it was expected that the report of the court would be made and the following reply was received:

"Have talked with the president of the court of inquiry and agree with him that it is not yet possible to fix a date for the finding, as much depends upon the progress of the divers and wreckers and the results they obtain. Every effort is being made to advance the inquiry. The court returns to Havana by the 'Mangrove' this evening, having about finished the examination at Key West."

WITHOUT A PEER.—WORKS MIRACLES.—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is without a peer. This great remedy relieves instantly the most aggravated and distressing forms of heart disease. It is the surest and quickest acting formula for heart trouble known to medical science and thousand of times has the hand of the grim destroyer been stayed by its use. If there is Palpitation, Shortness of Breath, Pain in Left Side, Smothering Sensations, don't delay or you may be counted in the long list of those who have gone over to the great majority, because the best remedy in the world to-day was not promptly used.—17.

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A Novel Case.

Attorney George B. Reimensnyder went to Danville on Monday to act as master in a very novel case. A number of years ago an educational institution known as the Danville Academy was built at that place by popular subscriptions, but was afterwards sold at public sale. The court has appointed Mr. Reimensnyder to determine what institution is entitled to the money realized from the sale. It is claimed by the Presbyterian Church, Y. M. C. A., and the school board of that place.—*Sunbury Daily.*

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The State Guard.

An organized army of 8,755 men with 878,394 men subject to military duty is what will be the military showing of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the forthcoming annual report of Adjutant General Stewart.

The report is now being prepared at the headquarters of the Guard in Harrisburg, and will give much detail about the Guard. It will show the Guard includes 989 commissioned officers and 8,036 men. These figures and the grand total of men available for military duty will be greater than those of last year.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought, is on every wrapper.

Long's Opinion.

e Secretary In Hot Water And May Be Officially Censured.

The excitement at Washington was gmented by the statement of Secretry Long made last week who is oted in all of the papers to the fect that Spain could not be held sponsible for the Maine disaster. o severe is the censure that it is proable that a resolution condemning im for indiscretion will be presented Congress. The diplomatic corps ere particularly incensed over this lip, and it has caused them no little mbarrassment. The Spanish repreentatives lost no time making use of he statement, and cabled it verbatim o the Madrid authorities. This has lso added intensity and it is plain hat a few more breaks of this kind would seriously complicate matter. Secretary Long gave the information s his private opinion and that on the strength of the official statement of the Spanish authorities. The latter was to the effect that there was no mine beneath the Maine. The opinion of Spanish veracity in Washington is not of the highest order, and for this the Secretary is censured more than for the apparent indiscretion. Official participation and official responsibility are regarded as two different things, and it promises to become a ticklish matter for the Secretary to explain away. Of course the more violent jingoes are making the most of it, and thus far they have succeeded in stirring up a hornet's nest.

Mother Has Rosy Cheeks.

"My mother was pale and could not eat. She could hardly get around to do her work. She began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and now she has a good appetite and rosy cheeks and is able to do her own work. We would not be without Hood's, since it did her so much good." FLORENCE E. POWELL, Kelley Station, Pa.

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R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade for last week says :

Stories of the most reckless sort, disproved promptly, and many of them before they are told, affected speculation in stocks much last week, and at times, this week, but they have not disturbed the industries and the trade of the country at all.

In grain, cotton, meat products and petroleum markets have been strong, with gradual increase in the demand for manufactured products.

Failures in February have been smaller than in any other month, except three of the previous fifty-two months, with remarkable decrease in the failures for $100,000 and over, though in number and amount the smaller failures show less change than might have been expected, indicating that in good times or bad, a large proportion is due to causes apart from the general condition of business. The ratio of defaulted liabilities to payments through clearing houses is but $1.71 per $1,000, a lower rate than has appeared in the first quarter of any year, except 1880 and 1881, of the past twenty-three.

The best evidence of general improvement is the fact that payments through clearing houses for the past week have been 28.0 per cent. larger than in 1892, and outside New York, with its speculative interests, 17.6 per cent. Compared with last year the gain has been 56.2 per cent. for the week and 49 8 per cent. for February.

Production of pig iron is the greatest ever known, some furnaces having started in the past month but Bessemer billets are so scarce at Chicago that some works are embarrassed, and heavy purchases at Pittsburg have stiffened the price. Foundry at the east is slightly lower, basic pig having been offered in a sharp competition at about $10. The demand for finished products covers work far ahead in plates, structural forms, sheets and pipe since the advance in oil and in rails, but bar is weak with increasing use of steel.

Wheat has grown stronger, exports continuing at a rate which threatens exhaustion of supply.

Failures for the week have been 251 in the United States against 246 last year and thirty-two in Canada against fifty-nine last year.

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A TAME GULL CHASE

An Ungrateful Bird That Escaped From its Protector.

I have good cause to remember my first introduction to a sea-bird. I was taking a summer's walk on the cliffs, when I noticed a bird, with its wings outspread to preserve its balance, making it way painfully towards a sheltering bush. There is nothing to my mind quite so piteous as a crippled bird, and it needed but little compassion and curiosity to prompt me to try and do something for my feathered friend. But it was easier said than done. Accustmoed as all sea-birds are to fly off screaming their hoarse sea-call of warning, it was scarcely to be expected that a lame gull would stand still to be caught.

After a long chase, which nearly ended in my tumbling over the cliff-side, I succeeded in catching the bird. Its thanks it expressed by making sundry lunges at any available part of my person that happened to be soft. But I think it became grateful, for the number of fish that gull succeeded in eating during its period of convalescence was enough to make a fishmonger's mouth water. Being forced to keep still owing to its leg being bound up in splints, and one of its wings bandaged, the voracious bird must have regarded its injuries much in the same light that a schoolboy regards a cold. It certainly stuffed, morning, noon and night, eating any fish that was brought to its temporary prison.

One morning, three weeks after I obtained my patient, I took it out for an airing. Thanks to considerable washing and cleaning the bird's feathers were like the snow for whiteness, and the large supplies of fish had greatly increased its strength. What happened will conclusively prove that gulls are by no means gullible. It lay so quiet and cozily in my arms that I relaxed my attention, and was actually thinking of the best way to begin to train it to be a civilized bird, when, without the least warning, the gull gave me a parting dig with its beak. At least, that was the first impression that struck me when I found myself "gulled." With a hop, skip and a jump, that ungrateful bird quickly qut a considerable space between us. Talk about a wild goose chase! why, a tame gull chase is infinitely more endless. I finally landed in a gorse bush half way down a gentle slope that led to the beach. I am still waiting for my "kindness" and the gull to flutter back again; for does not the poet say:

Each kindness shown to birds or men
Is sure to flutter back again.

Lost an Eye Without Pain.

A Springfield oculist tells a cusious story which illustrates how the total destruction of a nerve sometimes saves much pain in an accident. A boy came into his office one day and asked him to remove some dust that had got into one of his eyes. The doctor looked at the organ and was startled to find that the eyeball was broken in and totally destroyed. The boy said that he had been walking on the street and a wagon passed close to him. He felt some dust get into his eye, he said, and not being able to get it out went to the oculist.

The dust did not hurt him, bu he couldn't see very well. The oculist made a thorough examination of the eye and inside the eyeball found the knot, which had come off the end of a whiplash. It was found that the driver of the wagon had cracked a long whip so that the knot struck the boy in the eye, imbedding the knot in the ball, where it broke off. The boy at the time felt no other sensation than what a speck of dust or a cinder might have made.—Springfield Republican.

Regal Early.

A girl in Oneonta, this State, broke off her engagement on the eve of the ceremony because she found a cigar in the pocket of the bridal suit of her young man, who had promised her to give up smoking. Most women are willing to wait till after the wedding before going through a man's pockets. —New York Press.

The Oldest Peeress,

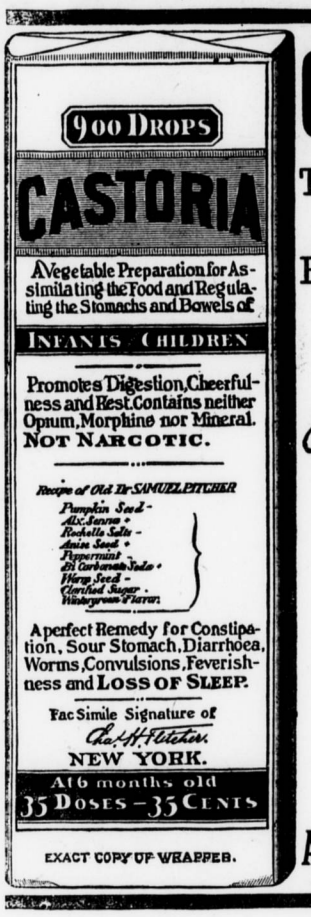
The oldest peeress alive at the present date is Jane, Lady Carew, grandmother of the present lord. She was daughter of Major Anthony Cliffe, of New Cross, Ireland: was born in 1798, and in 1816 married the first lord Carew. She is in good health and the full possession of her faculties, can converse agreeably, and still enjoys a game of bezique, and she now belongs to the increasnig army of centenarians. —Tit-Bits.

Wedding Varieties in Kentucky.

The marriage of a young lady well known in Paducah, in upper Kentucky, a few days ago, had some very unique features. The bridesmaids were all of as different size, age, type and appearance as possible to get them. The groom is a Presbyterian and the bride an Episcopalian. They were married, however, in a Methodist church by a Baptist minister. The bride kissed all the groomsmen and the groom all the bridesmaids, and the groomsmen and bridesmaids all kissed each other.—Paducah Sun.

Collis P. Huntington.

Everybody knows how Collis P. Huntington became what he is, and what he was before his rise. His story and the story of his three associates, all dead, is postively trite. But he has been powerful and great so long that nobody remembers him as anything else. And he looks what he is. This calm, bewhiskered, ox-eyed and nerous face shows that he has a past. His tall, quick, elastic frame reveals the strength and health of an iron constitution. There is just the slightest tendency in his head to bend forward when he walks, but the plain black gold-headed cane he carries is a habit, not a necessity. He dresses nearly always in black. His coat is the lengthy senatorial frock. His necktie is the plain, old-fashioned cravat. In his shirt is a tiny gold stud, and on the little finger of his left hand is a small ring. Except this and a plain watch chain, he seems to possess no jewelry. He is never shabby, but he is never fashionable. The most flamboyant article of attire he ever wears is a semi trimmed overcoat, likewise black. He appears to have no modish tastes. Even the marriage of his daughter to a titled foreigner did not lure him to social functions.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PUBLIC SALE

OF VALUABLE

TOWN LOTS.

The undersigned administrator c. t. a. of Catharine Weaver deceased ; also attorney in fact for the heirs of Catharine Weaver, deceased ; and the committee of Margaret Weaver will sell at public auction, at the Court House in Bloomsburg on

SATURDAY, MARCH 19th, 1898,

at 2 o'clock p. m. all that certain lot of ground situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Market Street, between Third and Fourth Streets, bounded as follows : Beginning at a corner on Market Street on line of land of H. C. Hartman, thence along said street south twenty-five degrees fifty-six minutes west seventy-three and seventy one-hundredths feet to a corner of lot of F. D. Dentler, thence along said lot south sixty-four degrees fourteen minutes west one hundred ninety-two and thirty-nine one hundredth feet to an alley, thence along said alley north twenty-five degrees west seventy-two and eighty one hundredth feet to lot of H. C. Hartman aforesaid, thence along said lot north sixty-three degrees fifty-eight minutes east one hundred ninety-one and seventeen one-hundredth feet to Market Street, the place of beginning, whereon is erected a dwelling house, and barn. This is one of the most desirable building lots in Bloomsburg.

TERMS OF SALE : Ten per cent. on day of sale ; balance of one-fourth on July 1st., 1898, and the remaining three fourths on April 1st., 1899.

C. W. FUNSTON,
Administrator c. t. a. of Catharine Weaver dec'd and attorney in fact for heirs of Catharine Weaver dec'd.
GEO. E. ELWELL,
Committee of Margaret Weaver.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fl. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the court house in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1898,

at two o'clock p. m. the following described real estate situate in Main township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit : Bounded upon the north by land of William Harmony, east by land of S. C. Beagle, south by land of J. W. John and Mary Bankus and west by land of David John, containing twenty-four acres of land more or less, upon which is erected a frame dwelling house and stable.

Seized, and taken into execution on the suit of Catharine Decker vs. Wm. and John Harmony and to be sold as the property of John Harmony.

CHRISMAN, Att'y. W. W. BLACK, Sheriff,

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pa., and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1898,

at 2 o'clock p m., all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, viz. : Beginning at a point in the west line of land of E, C. Caswell, one hundred and thirty and a half feet south of Sixth street ; thence along said line south twenty-four degrees and forty-five minutes, east one hundred and eighty and five-tenth feet to a post, twenty-five feet from the center of tract of the most northerly siding of the Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad; thence by land of said Railroad by a right curve with a radius of three hundred and seventy-eight feet for a distance of two hundred and sixty-six feet to a post ; thence parallel with said sixth street, north sixty-four degrees and forty minutes, east one hundred and ninety feet to the place of beginning.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of E. R. Ikeler, assignee, vs. Bernetta Mears et al., and to be sold as the property of Keystone Foundry and Machine Co.

W. W. BLACK,
Sheriff
Ikeler & Ikeler, Attorneys. 3-3-ts.

PUBLIC SALE

—OF VALUABLE—

REAL ESTATE.

of Lavina Stout, in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, Pa., deceased,

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1898,

at 10 o'clock a. m., on the premises, all that certain piece or parcel of land in said township, beginning at a stone in the public road, thence by same south fifty-two and three-fourth degrees, west thirty-eight and four-tenth perches to stone ; thence south one and one-fourth degrees, east eighty-four and seven-tenth perches to a stone ; thence north sixty degrees, east forty-seven and six-tenth perches to a stone ; thence north eight and one-half degrees, west eighty-five perches to a stone, the place of beginning, containing

TWENTY ACRES AND FORTY-

TWO PERCHES

of land, neat measure, on which are erected a

DWELLING HOUSE,

barn and outbuilding, fine orchard, well watered.

TERMS OF SALE : $100 on striking down of property. $20 on confirmation, balance in six months from confirmation with interest to be secured by bond and mortgage on premises. Deed to be delivered on confirmation.

C. B. JACKSON,
Trustee.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

—OF VALUABLE—

REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, the undersigned Administrator of Mary C. Gruver, deceased, will expose to sale the following described real estate:

VALUABLE HOUSE AND LOT,

situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit : Beginning at a point on the south-east side of Third street, in said Town, twenty-five and one-sixteenth feet west from line of lot of lands of the Catholic church and running thence westwardly along said Third street thirty-five feet, more or less, to an alley; thence southwardly along said alley to line of land of S. C. Shive on the rear of the premises hereby conveyed; thence along the same eastwardly thirty-five feet, more or less, to line of land of the Catholic church aforesaid; thence northwardly by the same to the place of beginning, containing twenty and fifteen sixteenths perches of land, more or less, on which are erected a two-story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

AND STABLE.

Sale to be held on the premises on

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1898,

at 2 o'clock p. m. Conditions made known on day of sale.

JOHN M. GARMAN,
Ikeler & Ikeler, Attys. Administrator.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of E. J. Cole, deceased.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Administrator to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa. on Saturday the 19th day of March A. D. 1898 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, when and where all persons are requested to present their claims against the estate of said deceased or be forever debarred from coming in for a share thereof.

W. A. EVERT,
Auditor.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of J. R. Evans, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of J. R. Evans, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Andrew L. Fritz, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay, *ANDREW L. FRITZ,*
2-10-6t. *Executor.*

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

N. U. FUNK,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Mrs. Eat's Building, Court House Alley,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Post Office Building, 2nd floor,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

C. W. MILLER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Wirt's Building, 2nd floor,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,
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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

ROBERT R. LITTLE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Columbian Building, 2nd floor,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

H. A. McKILLIP.
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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

RALPH R. JOHN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Hartman Building, Market Square,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

IKELER & IKELER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Office back of Farmers' National Bank.
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

R. RUSH ZARR,
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BLOOMSBURG, PA.
Office in Clark's Block, corner of 2nd and Centre Streets, 1-12-'94

W. A. EVERT,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
BLOOMSBURG, PA.
(Office over Alexander & Co. Wirt building.

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.
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Moyer Bros. Building, 2nd floor,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE AGENT,
Office in Lockard's Building.
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

B. FRANK ZARR,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Clark's Building, cor. Main and Centre Sts.,
BLOOMSBURG, Pa.
☞ Can be consulted in German.

W. H. RHAWN,
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CATAWISSA, PA.

DR. J. C. RUTTER,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
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Yes, the sidewalks are bad enough, but the crossings are sufficient to take the sole right out of any self-respecting shoe. Now we've prepared our soles to protect our customers' feet. We have a strong, warm, tight shoe that just revels in mud and slush—a shoe that will take you through the worst crossing in town and come up smiling every step. On sale at

W. C. McKINNEY'S,

Clark's Building. Main Street.

THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Sales.

MARCH 15. Richard Henrie will sell farm stock, implements and household goods on the farm of E. Kelchner near Lime Ridge, in Centre township at 10 a. m.

MARCH 16. Entire livery outfit of A. C. Hidlay, at his livery stable in Bloomsburg, consisting of horses, buggies, harness, etc.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Sale.

A good square piano. Can be bought cheap. Inquire at this office. tf.

FOR RENT. Store and dwelling house combined, at Pensyl Post office, Franklin township. Good location, by F. Pensyl.

The Homeliest Man in Bloomsburg

As well as the handsomest, and others are invited to call on any druggist and get FREE a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure and relieve all Chronic and Acute Coughs, Asthma, Bronchitis and Consumption. Price 25c. and 50c. 3-3 4td

Great bargains in men's, boy's and children's clothing at Gross'. 2t.

750 different kinds of Foreign and Domestic cloth already received for Spring which will be made up to order. Fine all wool suits, $8.00, trousers, $2.75 and upwards. Competition defied in Bloomsburg, either in make, price, fit, quality or quantity of cloth to select from Maier artistic Tailor, Hatter, Clothier and Furnisher Bloomsburg, Pa.

On account of moving all clothing will be sold at and below cost until April 1st. L. Gross. 2t.

Do Your Feet Ache?

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot Ease, a powder. It cures Corn, Bunions, Chilblains, Sweating, Swollen feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. 3-3-4td

Leases that will collect the rent for the whole year if tenant leaves before expiration of term, also notices to quit, for sale at this office. tf.

FOR RENT.

Front room, 2nd floor, COLUMBIAN building. Steam heat, gas or electric light. One of the most desirable offices in town. Possession given April 1st. Apply to

tf. GEO. E. ELWELL.

Many School Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach troubles Teething disorders, and destroy worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. 3 3 4td

Louis Gross will remove his clothing Store to the Sloan drygoods store 2 doors above the old stand April 1st. No. 11 Main Street Bloomsburg. 2t.

A fine line of new styles in wedding invitations just received at THE COLUMBIAN office. tf.

L. T. Sharpless Co. Limited, have ...bbage, celery, lettuce, onions, and ...toes. In the fruit line they have ... grapes, Concord and Catawba ...anges, lemons and bananas. ...ia brand of canned vege... ...the finest in the market ...Cord canned fruits of ...d a large trade. A ...e groceries, pro... ...meats, &c. can ...ir shelves.

... from 25 ...n. Ad... ...Pa. ...tf.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

What Has Occurred There Since Our Former Report.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk W. H. Henrie, since those last published.

J. W. Walp, of Berwick and Miss May Gernig of Salem.

John Summers and Miss Louisa Wintersteen both of Bloomsburg.

S. R. Howell, of Hemlock township, and Miss Emma C. Tronsue, of Espy.

F. M. Durling, of Greenwood township, and Miss Cora Evans, of the same place.

Jacob Stiner, and Miss Caroline Shotz, both of Bloomsburg.

Andy J. Robbins, of Bloomsburg, and Miss Jerusha Fenstemacker, of Nescopeck.

E. E. Hagenbuch, of Espy, and Miss Anna A. Hagenbuch, of Cabin Run.

Joseph M. Taylor, of Pine Summit, and Miss Callie Marr, of Fishingcreek township.

Charles A. Bitner, of Cleveland township and Miss Lizzie Shuler, of Franklin township.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of C. B. Ent, register and recorder, during the week.

Elinas McHenry and wife to Mary E. McHenry, for tract of land in Jackson township.

J. B. McHenry, Sheriff, to Mary B. Mendenhall, for land in Bloomsburg.

Mary R. Ale, et al. to Warren M. Williams, for tract of land in Fishingcreek township.

Mary M. Runyan, to John P. Runyan, for tract of land in Millville.

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Jacob Flick, to A. C. Dildine, for tract of land in Madison township.

Christian Mensch and wife, to Christopher Segmund, for tract of land in Cleveland township.

Paul Leidy and wife, to Levis Wrights, for tract of land in Hemlock township.

John Bruner, to William B. Lawton for tract of land in Millville.

Now is the Time

To purify your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. March, April, May are the trying months of the year. At this season your blood is loaded with impurities which have accumulated during the winter, and these impurities must be immediately expelled. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier. It is the medicine which has accomplished many thousands of remarkable cures of all blood diseases. It is what the millions take in the spring to build up health and ward off sickness.

Articles Lost and Found.

In the case of an individual who had claimed a reward for the restitution of a diamond ring which he had found, Judge Finletter, of Philadelphia, the other day rendered a decision to the effect that the mere fact of finding the ring gave the finder no lien upon the property. The article had been lost; its loss was advertised, and to keep it was practically larceny. This has always been the common sense and ethical view of the matter; and coming now from a distinguished judicial authority, it will have legal efficacy everywhere, and should help to correct the curious notions of "meum et tuum," which has so widely prevailed respecting articles which have been lost and found.

Catarrh Shackles

Broken in 60 Minutes

It's an alarming fact, but statistics bear it out, that at least 80 in every hundred persons in this country are tainted in a lesser or greater degree by that disgusting, offensive and dangerous disease—Catarrh. If symptoms appear, such as cold in the head, dizziness, pains in the forehead, headache, dropping in the throat, offensive breath, loss of taste and smell, the Catarrh shackles may be tightening about you—DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER is the most potent Catarrh cure known to-day—Recommended by eminent nose and throat specialists—gives relief in from 10 to 60 minutes.

"For years I was a victim of chronic Catarrh; the first application of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal powder gave me instant relief, and in an incredibly short while I was permanently cured."—James Headley, Dundee, N.Y.

Sold by C. A. Kleim.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or diseases, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often. by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney, and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover cost of postage on the bottle. Mention THE COLUMBIAN and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

HOME FROM KLONDIKE.

Shamokin Man Who Braved the Dangers of Alaska.

Joseph S. Graeber, looking hale and hearty, with a light step alighted from the train at Shamokin last week, after one of the most perilous trips ever undertaken by any resident of the coal metropolis, in search of gold. Mr. Graeber started from Seattle for Shamokin a week previous to his arrival.

He gave a thrilling description of his trip from Seattle to the gold region—the farthest point reached being within sixty-eight miles of Dawson City. He stated that although the thermometer registered the cold as being 62 degrees below zero, the intensity of it was not felt so great as easterners would believe. This phenomena is caused by very dry atmosphere. He added, however, that two of his toes were frost bitten while he was on the trail northbound.

Mr. Graeber located a claim on Lewis river, a distance of seventy-eight miles from Dawson river, last year, and he believes it will pan out quite valuable. Joseph, Nicholas and John Graeber, are now on their way to the claim and will develop it. They will take the new tramway route from Dyea and expect to reach their destination without much trouble. The tramway from Dyea which has but recently been built will carry them over the roughest parts and after that travel will not be hard as the lakes can be reached without trouble and sleighing over the ice will not be hazardous at this time of the year.

Mr. Graeber told how the dangers of shooting down the Thirty mile river, (which is so swift that its waters do not freeze) especially over a grand canyon was easily overcome by his son Joe and another gentleman. He pictured the grand effects of the White House rapids which are marvelous beyond description.

The return trip of Mr. Graeber's party from the interior was full of dangers and they were accompanied by Major Walsh, who has charge of the Klondike region for the Canadian government. The high officials stationed in the section are fine gentlemen, but the mounted police are composed of a lot of low down fellows who endeavor to extort money from all gold seekers as they go along the route stationed along which are their posts. Mr. Graeber stated that the new routes from Edmondton, N. W. T., and that of Sticklewe, which contains 141 miles of railroad, will greatly shorten the way to the gold region and Dawson City and will be but considered a short distance from civilization.

There is a rumor that the Superior Court is in danger of going to pieces, on account of the dissatisfaction of the judges with the business that comes to their tribunal and other reasons. Reeder talks of resigning because of bad health, within a year, and, it is said has gone to Europe for an indefinite time. One point of complaint is that it is irksome to hold court at so many different places in the state, the very thing the court was instituted for, so that people with small means, could reach it without the trouble and expense of going to the Supreme Court.

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The appeal notice advertised for March 14, 15 and 16th is more for the purpose of adjusting and equalizing the valuations of the several districts in order that each district may bear its burden of taxation. So it will be noticed that individual grievances will be heard on the regular appeal days in April and May, when the assessor will be present.

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